



**WAYNE  
COUNCIL OF PTOs**  
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Superintendents Meeting – March 18, 2015

Ryerson Elementary School

Meeting was called to order at 9:39 am. Motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Sue Kresge and seconded by Vicky Struyk. Motion to accept the minutes as read was accepted by all.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report** – Maria Beilis for Leslie Fischgrund: Nothing to report

**Treasurer's Report** – Maureen Machado: As per Caroline Mastres, the audit is complete and the bills for council audit, accounting and insurance fees will be going out this week. Quarterly reports for January through March 2015 are due on April 15. Chapters were reminded to keep up with their books on a monthly basis. If everything is done correctly the books will be ready to go for the audit for next year and it will be a smooth transition to new treasurer's in the fall.

**Vice President's Report** – Maria Beilis: We are up to date on all COIs. Thank you for your continued cooperation. For elementary schools setting up Jackals baseball events do not forget to get your COI to Maria.

**President's Report** – Jackie Prince and Fran Cook: Regarding the recent email about Spirit Wear: if elementary school chapters wish to purchase middle school spirit wear for their outgoing 5<sup>th</sup> graders, or make MS spirit wear available for purchase they should contact the PTO at the middle school. Spirit wear is a big chunk of fundraising at the middle school which has only 3 years – the chapters there lose out if the elementary school eats into the profits for spirit wear.

Fifth grade committees should think long and hard about how they are spending chapter money on outgoing students.

There is a fine line between being a PTO chapter president and being a parent of a student. As a parent you can do and say anything but you cannot use your PTO position to abuse your access to teachers and administration. Support administration. Take drama and emotion out of your interaction as PTO president. Refer to the by-laws at all times.

CCW spring session registration is on Saturday, 3/21 from 9-11 and Monday, 3/23 from 7-8 at Schuyler. Elementary chapters should backpack home the flyer; all other schools should email notices to families.

## **Superintendent's Report –**

Budget: Dr. Toback reviewed the newsletter that was mailed home to Wayne homes. Spending on Instructional Supplies is going up, technology spending going up by \$1M, more interactive white boards, more iPads. More will be spent on Professional Development which is something very important to our teachers.

Full Day Kindergarten – Dr. Toback explained the BOE seriously considered if it was possible to begin this for the 2015-2016 school year. Expenses increase at a rate higher than 2% every year. We've already made over \$20M in cuts; Full Day Kindergarten will cost at about \$2.6M for the first year. We budget a surplus vs. generate a surplus. We will put the vote out for Full Day Kindergarten in the November election; if it does not pass the budget put out for a vote in April will include the cost for Full Day Kindergarten. The April election is non-binding. We cannot vote on future action.

The handout regarding budget cuts from the BOE meeting was reviewed. Dr. Toback indicated these are not scare tactics. Families in Wayne can expect on average an increase of \$100 per year in their property taxes. Families should contact the board directly with questions. We need to encourage everyone to vote but we cannot tell them to vote one way or the other. Questions can go directly to Dr. Toback.

Banked cap is more of an "idea." Banked cap does not mean the board has \$3.4M in the bank. It is a taxing authority the board has. They can raise taxes over the 2% up to the amount of the banked cap without a vote by the public. The handout is a listing of "typical cuts" not necessarily what our board would cut. There has to be a reason for using the banked cap. The board proposes it and votes on it. The budget is currently dependent on surplus. The use of the banked cap is an important tool.

Safety and Security – We will use the banked cap to fund some of this. The roof work must be done. One-time projects are a good use for the banked cap.

Professional development center is going well. Ultimately it will make money for the district. Some work has to be done on the building but it is not a large amount. The increase in the budget is due to transferring the cost of subs from school lines to learning center lines. Professional Development is scheduled in advance. Teachers make recommendations and sessions are scheduled for the next year. Certain trainings are still done out of district.

PARCC – schools must keep their testing environments secure. About 400 total refusals in district. General feedback has been good from teachers and students. Tests for 2015-2016 already scheduled. District hopes to reduce the amount of testing days. If we keep investing in technology it will reduce the logistical nightmare at the middle and high schools in getting everyone tested. Hope to have a one-to-one ratio of student to device at the middle and high school levels in the next few years. Contact the board with concerns regarding specialists not

being available during testing, or contact the school directly with issues with testing. Scores at the high school do not affect teachers; scores at the middle schools and elementary schools will affect teachers.

Commendations to the administration for all they did to get PARCC up and running so smoothly.

K-6 math program – a full presentation on this will be done at the April 9<sup>th</sup> board meeting. We have a 4 year contract to implement this program. Students will get books they can keep. Teachers are on board with it.

Elementary Performance Reports – Committee will convene in April to re-evaluate the performance reports especially at the 3-5 grade level. Teachers have concerns.

**Old Business** – Home work policy: students may receive assignments over long breaks but they have to have a 2-4 day window in which to hand in the work after the break.

Security/Safety Referendum – this is a topic the BOE needs to undertake and make priority items part of the banked cap. State grant money is gone but BOE plans on writing to the commissioner to extend the timeline so we can hopefully put this to a vote again in November. The money has to go to pay for specific items. The state money pays for debt service. We need to continue to educate the community.

**New Business** – none.

Motion to adjourn – Jen Crawford. Seconded by Diane Grdodian. Meeting adjourned at 11:25.

Attendance:

Jackie Prince	Council
Frank Cook	Council
Maria Beilis	Council
Maureen Machado	Council
Diane Grdodian	Lafayette
Jen Crawford	Theunis Dey
Jennifer Thompson	Pines Lake
Lisa Minervini	WSPA
Leslie Dianuzzo	Wayne Hills
Vicki Lefelar	Randall Carter
Alexis McNamara	Randall Carter
Susan Kresge	Schuyler Colfax
Tiffany Roth	James Fallon
Stacey Nisenson	JFK
Dana Sirot	JFK
Shannon Wolfsberger	Ryerson
Terry Rigoglioso	Anthony Wayne
Randi London	Pines Lake
Denise Lynch	Wayne Valley
Jennifer Nemetz	APT and Schuyler Colfax
Vicky Struyk	George Washington
Dr. Toback	Superintendent
Mr. Ben-David	Asst. Superintendent