

Superintendents Meeting January 6, 2015 @ Ryerson Elementary School

Meeting was called to order at 9:36 am. Motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Leslie Fischgrund and 2nd by Diane Grdodian. Motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Leslie Fischgrund and 2nd by Lisa Minervini.

President's Report: Jackie Prince announced that Recording Secretary Risa Rizzo had to step down. Remember that meeting minutes are posted to the council website under the officer section. This section is password protected. Password is PT0council. The 0 is a zero. Jackie also reminded all to be mindful when posting items to your school face book page. Only items specific to the organization should be listed here (See by-laws). We do not have an opinion as an organization and need to stay neutral.

Fran Cook asked for help for this Saturday's CCW class starts. Volunteers needed to help direct students/parents as they arrive both at 9:00 and 10:00 am. Please email if you are available. Enrollment is up for winter session, thank you to all schools that sent a paper copy to their populations. We will be asking the same for spring session. Jackie will be out for 4-6 weeks in February, Fran has asked for patience during this time. If you have an emergency please contact Fran at Ryerson or via text as she does not access the email system during the work day. We will get back to any emails within 24 hours.

Both Fran and Jackie are DONE June 30th and replacements are needed for the President role. It is more administrative and less hands on time than being a president at the chapter level, please consider stepping up.

VP Report: Maria Beilis reminded everyone about the need for Certificates of Insurance. (COI) She is not receiving very many. Any off site event sponsored by the PTO (has a signed contract) requires a COI. This covers property damage not injury. Examples when a COI is needed include but are not limited to; dinner nights, PAL Bingo night, skate/bowling night, 8th grade celebrations. All forms are on the website and need to be submitted at least two weeks prior to your event.

Treasurer: Maureen Machado reminded everyone quarterly reports are due by the 15th. If you paid any individual for services that total more than \$600 for the calendar year we need to complete a 1099. Audit is on-going, waiting on two schools.

PARCC

Dr. Toback announced that PARCC testing WILL take place in New Jersey this year. In answer to previously submitted questions by the PTO, yes we are one of nine states participating. At

this time the PARCC will not be counted for placement this coming year. After one year it will be reevaluated. The results will not be in until October because this is year one. After that, they are hoping to give results faster. Dr. Toback stressed that the Board of Ed follows the laws set forth by the state and that is why the test will be administered. The class of 2016 will be scheduled to take the test however; it will not be placed on their transcript. The questions then arose; why not opt out of taking the test. Mr. Ben-David stated that a parent can opt out of testing, but being this is not being counted against them, why not take the test. The author of the PARCC is also re-formatting the SAT. The SAT will follow along the lines of PARCC and follow common core. This is a great opportunity to “practice” without it being counted against them. Testing will only take place for part of the scheduled day and regular instruction will continue. Wayne has condensed the number of test days to be the least disruptive as possible. High Schools will complete testing in nine days. Middle School will test as “classes” to able the schedule to continue as normally as possible. Information from elementary presidents was pointed out that services are already being disrupted as pull out reading is not occurring so teachers can be trained. Also, these reading specialists will not be available during testing periods as they will be proctoring. Dr. Toback said they will examine this issue more closely.

Old Business:

The Electronic District Newsletter is still in the works. We are seeking to use space on buses, website and newsletter for advertisements. This will generate revenue of \$100,000 to the district.

Committee has been meeting and a new math series for grades K-6 has been selected. This will be implemented in the 2015-2016 school year.

New Business:

Concern arose regarding the districts homework policy during school breaks. The policy states that assigned projects should not be required. Why then are students expected to complete not only assignments, but group work during school breaks. Dr. Toback will bring this to the attention of the BOE to review. Concern isn't the way the policy reads, more the enforcement of the policy.

Motion was made by Diane Grdodian to end the meeting at 11:11 am, seconded by Jen Crawford.

Attendance:

Fran Cook	Council
Jackie Prince	Council
Maria Beilis	Council
Maureen Machado	Council
Leslie Fischgrund	Council
Jennifer Crawford	Theunis
Denise Lynch	WV
Lisa Minervini	WSPA
Randi London	Pines
Jennifer Nemetz	APT and SCMS
Susan Kresge	SCMS
Dana Sirot	JFK
Maryam Wolke	APT
Melissa Keenan	APT
Shannon Wolfelsperger	Ryerson
Staci Lupo	AWMS
Terry Rigoglioso	AWMS
Leslie Dianuzzo	WH
Vicki Lefelar	Randall Carter
Diane Grdodian	Lafayette
Melissa Keenan	APT
Stacey Nisenson	JFK
Leslie Dianuzzo	Hills
Erin Jowaisas	Packanack
Dr. Toback	
Mr. Ben-David	