

Wayne Council of PTOs
Council Meeting Minutes – Theunis Dey
Wednesday, May 13, 2015

Welcome: Jackie Prince called the meeting to order at 7:36pm.

Officers' Reports:

- **Recording Secretary:** Leslie Fischgrund made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the last Council Meeting. Jen Nemetz seconded and the motion carried. Leslie Fischgrund made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Vicky Struyk seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- **Corresponding Secretary:** Leslie Fischgrund: no report
- **Treasurer:** Caroline Mastres distributed copies of the current PTO Council Budget for everyone's review. As of today council financials are at \$69,495.94. The Browse and Shop has surpassed their fundraising of last year and CCW is up \$8000 from last year. PTO scholarships are at \$38,000, half going to each high school. The audit is finally complete for the 2013-2014 school year. Fundraising totaled \$1,091,871, over half goes back to schools. Excess funds are still very high at \$284,000, this number needs a zero balance as it can jeopardize our non-profit status. Some reminders for future:
 - Excess funds at year end (June 30th) must be allocated to specific item, so we avoid taxes on this amount. You should have an estimated number of where you will be at your final PTO meeting, when you can vote as to how this excess will be spent. This needs to be documented in the minutes. The start up for the following year is \$2000.
 - The excess funds should be something that benefits a majority of the student population. Needs to be a specific project, cannot go toward general fundraising.
 - You should be wrapping up your year end books now. All check requisitions and expenses need to be paid by year end, June 30.
 - Audit findings: must have bank authorizations on file (council will send out before June 30th so this can be completed before summer), monthly, complete bank reconciliations must be in binder, outstanding checks need to be included, if any checks are outstanding more than six months follow up and re-issue if necessary, the ending balance of June 30 should be the starting balance of July 1. Checks over \$500 must have second signature, all invoices need to be with signed check requisitions. ATM withdrawals are not allowed. Your statements from July and August need to be included in your audit binders.
- **Assistant Treasurer:** Maureen Machado: No report
- **Vice President:** Maria Beilis: No report.
- **Co-President:** Fran Cook: No report
- **Co-President:** Jackie Prince thanked all the volunteers stepping down from PTO positions. She thanked and wished Caroline Mastres well in her new adventure as she steps down as council treasurer. She thanked Leslie Fischgrund, also leaving the board from corresponding/recording secretary. Committee members Susan Kresge for co-chairing the food bank these last four years, as well as numerous board positions, Joyce Morandi who will be "graduating" for all her tireless work as Project Grad chair and MANY board positions. Thank you to chapter presidents, Ann Marie Imbriano, Vicky Struyk, Lori Riccobono, Jennifer Crawford and Jennifer Decker who are stepping down. Last but not least a huge thank you to Fran Cook. Fran has made this job easier and been a cheerleader both as council co-president as well as friend. Jackie will truly miss working with Fran.

Committee Reports:

- **Wayne Alliance-** Laura Stinziano:
 - Life skills programs are running at as many schools as possible.
 - Smart moves has continued at the Boys and Girls Club.
 - Parent round tables have been successful this year.
 - Basketball fundraiser was a huge success again this year. Elementary schools helped raise over \$10,000 in pre-sale ticket sales. The winning schools were: Theunis Dey for most tickets sold, Terhune for tricky tray basket and Ryerson for the prevention poster.
 - October 5-6 will be part of Red Ribbon Week. Middle schools will be provided motivational assemblies with speaker Matt Bellas. Six assemblies will be presented, one on October 5th for parents.
- **Food Bank** – Susan Kresge:
 - Currently well stocked.
 - Would like to give away food before year end, email will be going to schools nurses to let get orders in.
- **Project Graduation** – Joyce Morandi:
 - WHHS project graduation is going well.
 - Tricky tray was successful.
- **Wayne Special Parents Association (WSPA)** – Mariangela Mejia:
 - Wrapping up the year, had many successful events.
- **Browse and Shop** – Jackie Prince:
 - Thanks to all the high school honor students who spent time volunteering. They cleaned and organized.
 - New volunteers have joined as well as a part time afternoon assistant.
 - Thank you to the custodians for keeping the area so clean and tidy.
 - We will be closing down for the summer on Tuesday June 16th.
 - Please continue to post on your school facebook pages and like the browse and shop page.
- **Children's Cultural Workshop** – Fran Cook
 - Thank you to all the elementary schools that sent out the paper flyer, it makes a big difference.

Administrative Reports:

Directors/ Administrators

- **Mr. Ben-David – Asst. Superintendent:**
 - Technology – in one month a Wayne schools app will be available for download. This will make communication much easier. Current plan is that the high schools will be at a 1:1 computer to student ratio within three years. There will be an increase in chromebooks and the high school tv labs will have professional equipment. All elementary schools will have complete wifi by the start of next year. Brightlinks interactive system will be in all schools K-2. Fourth and fifth grade will have chromebook access. Middle schools are close to a 1:1 ratio.
 - Instructional – new SAT takes effect spring 2016. Significant changes, will return to 1600 scoring. AP exams will mirror changes. In an effort to have juniors get some experience all 10th and 11th graders will be offered the option to take the PSAT's this coming fall. The test will be paid for by Wayne and given during the week. In the future this will be a paid option for all 10th graders. Next year the district will offer more dual enrollment courses allowing students to earn high school and college credits for the same course. K-6 will receive new math program. Fourth and fifth grades will be compartmentalized, mirroring the middle schools. Language arts will be with primary teacher, they will move for Math, Science and a new Social Studies/Technology based course. Substantial changes in report cards for elementary. Letter grades for fourth and fifth. PARCC schedule is a go for next year. The increase in technology will allow for faster testing. The possibility of it going to a once a year test is being discussed. This will not happen next year. All students will have gmail accounts next year for school use. Next Generation Science standards will be implemented in 2016-2017 for middle and high schools and 2017-2018 for elementary. This doesn't change content, but changes delivery.
 - Personnel – looking to have all open administrative positions filled by June meeting.
- **Prinicipal's Reports – Jackie Prince reported.**
 - David Aulenbach for AWMS – This year's musical, Legally Blonde Jr. was a huge success. Congratulations to our cast, stage crew and art crew, as well as directors and parents who helped. Special thanks to Mrs. Valencia, Mr Grant and Mr Heinbockel for all their help. The AWMS PTO sponsored great clubs this year; creative writing club, chess club, fitness club and We Act club. The We Act Club raised money for our character education program by bringing Chief Joseph Ole Tipanko from Kenya. Annual Windows Art Show was May 13th. Talent show set for May 21st with shows at 3:00 and 7:00. Congratulations to 8th grade Latin class, 17 students earned Cum Laude honors on the National Latin Exam. Looking forward to June filled with concerts, field days, Washington DC trip, promotion and 8th grade celebration at the Brownstone.
 - Amy Toth for SCMS – Physical Ed staff applying for Project Fit grant, sponsored by Chilton Medical center. Grant recipients will be announced in early summer.
- **BOE Report – Eileen Albanese**
 - Budget process is complete, working on start up.
 - District has spent 1.2 million on tech upgrades
 - Hills, Valley and Ryerson have roof replacements coming.
 - PA systems are being replaced at SCMS and Lafayette.
 - WV will receive a new emergency generator.
 - Energy saving measures throughout the district.
 - November ballot will have question regarding full day kindergarten, letting the voters decide.
 - Thank you to the Wayne Council of PTO's for all their hard work.
- **WEA**
 - Thank you for a great year.
 - Scholarship from denim day fundraiser earned \$2000, for \$1000 scholarship for each school.
 - Car fair on June 10th will feature classic cars, music and food. Scholarship will be given to student in each school's auto mechanic programs.

Department Reports

- **Health Services** – No Report
- **Transportation** – No Report
- **Technology** – No Report
- **Building Services** – No Report
- **Special Services** – No Report

Old Business:

Nothing to report.

New Business:

- Motion was made by Jaime Lillis to increase project graduation commitment fees from \$120 to \$150 for incoming (class of 2019) and future classes. Maryam Wolke seconded. Discussion regarding increase in costs to run project graduation as well as need for consistency in each grade and school. Motion passed.
- Motion was made by Leslie Fischgrund to increase the chapter donation to WSPA from \$100 to \$150 and allow WSPA to conduct one fundraiser each school year that will be announced by each chapter to their population. Mariangela Mejia seconded. Discussion about the need for money as they currently operate many programs on a meager budget. Motion passed.
- Mary LaSala reported on community scholarships. No applications were made to cultural and performing arts so these were allocated to Leadership and Academic scholarship at WH and Community Service and Academic at WV. Note to those

applying for scholarships, make sure application is complete, check all that apply and pay dues. Scholarship awards are June 3rd WH and June 17th WV.

Hello, my name is Joyce Morandi, I am a member of the Wayne Council of PTOs Nominating Committee. In accordance with the Wayne Council of PTO by-laws, I would like to present the proposed PTO Council slate of officers as follows:

- Co-Presidents: Kim Gilchrist, Christine Salzone
- 1st Vice President: Maria Beilis
- 2nd Vice President: Michele Iannelli
- Treasurer: Maureen Machado
- Assistant Treasurer: Jennifer Crawford
- Co-Recording Secretaries: Lisa Apa, Jamie Lillis
- Co-Corresponding Secretaries: Stacey Nisenson, Bernice Donato

I would now ask for any nominations from the floor. No nominations from floor. Since there are no nominations from the floor, nominations are now closed and this Slate of Officers for the 2015-2016 school year is hereby approved. Congratulations and thank you for your service.

Vicky Struyk installed officers:

In grateful recognition of their willingness to serve, we greet the newly elected officers of the Wayne Council of PTOs.

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Your objectives as board members of the Wayne Council of PTOs are found in our By-laws.

Officers of the Wayne Council of PTOs, you have been elected leaders for the 2015-2016 school year. You will need and have your membership's encouragement and support. Do you pledge your loyalty and willingness to carry forward the Wayne Council of PTOs objectives to the fullest? All responded I do.

It is my sincere pleasure and privilege to receive you and declare you duly installed officers of the Wayne Council of PTOs. Congratulations

A motion to adjourn made by Susan Kresge. Maria Wolke seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:32pm.

Attendance:

Leslie Fischgrund	Council
Caroline Mastres	Council
Jackie Prince	Council
Fran Cook	Council
Maureen Machado	Council
Maria Beilis	Council
Vicky Struyk	GWMS
Jennifer Nemetz	APT/SCMS
Joyce Morandi	WHHS
Laura Stinziano	BOE
Ann-Marie Imbriano	Lafayette
Susan Kresge	SCMS
Lori Riccobono	GW
Mary LaSala	AWMS
Eileen Albanese	BOE
Lisa Minervini	WSPA
Stacey Nisenson	JFK
Bernice Donato	Pines
Randi London	Pines
Lisa Apa	Terhune
Maryam Wolke	APT
Michael Ben David	Assistant Superintendent
Jamie Lillis	WHHS
Denise Lynch	WVHS
Kimberly Gilchrist	Fallon
Christine Salzone	Fallon