

Wayne Council of PTO's
Presidents' Meeting/ Superintendent's Meeting
Thursday , Sept 27, 2018
7:00pm @ Preakness Bldg. Room 9

Welcome: Eileen Domico called meeting to order 7:07pm.

New Business: Eileen Domico - deviation from "normal" agenda order as we have to install Rania Varoqua as Recording Secretary; Recall from June '18 no nominees for this role; Rania volunteered over the Summer and was appointed by a majority of the PTO Council Executive Board; Jamie Lillis conducted the installation.

District Administration/ Board of Education Reports:

- **WEA** - Kerrian Palmieri: Looking forward to a great year; Collected donations of \$500 for PTO food bank – they will "go shopping" for needed items based on list provided by Food Bank chair(s); Also donating (donated) a box of the reusable tote bags; They are also looking for teachers to assist with CCW; BOE has endorsed 3 candidates for the upcoming school board election 11/6 – anyone can speak to Kerrian after the meeting if they wish to discuss
- **Superintendent / Asst. Superintendent** - Dr. Toback/Mrs. Reichman went through District Goals for 2018-2019. **Goal 1-Wellness.** This goal has received a lot of accolades in the news; the district is striving towards wellness for both students and teachers; Weekend of Oct 6th will be the first "wellness weekend" district wide – no homework for students and no major assessments on Tuesday (no school Monday); We will have 2 additional Wellness Weekends this year; Mrs. Reichman added that a Life Coach trained teachers over the summer and will return and coach counselors Oct 8; Life Coach training includes "dashboarding" and "mindfulness" training; Discussed possibility of having the life coach also give class to Wayne Council of PTO's Board and Chapter Pres / VPs; Eileen will get back to Mrs. Reichman with thoughts. **Goal 2-QSAC Preparations,** Donna Reichman briefly went over that Wayne public schools performed very well against external performance standards, NJDOE. **Goal 3-LINK-IT** – Means to gather and use student data (test scores, etc) to support instructional decision making and areas of focus in the classroom – esp w/ regard to Math and English; Dr. Toback discussed having a "digital file" for each child that moves with the child as they go up in grade level; All test scores and teacher notes can be added to the file so that the data can be used to analyze student performance; LINK IT tool empowers teachers to differentiate among the students in their classrooms and give them specialized instruction if / as needed; Parents can also ask to view data in their child's file. **Goal 4- Safety and Security** Dr. Toback discussed 1) increased police presence in all the schools; District / Twp is hiring 3 "Class 3" (retired) police officers – supervised by Wayne PD & have same authority as "regular" police officers when they're on school property; Class 3 officers are also trained as SRO's vs "security guards"; These 3 officers scheduled to start at the Middle Schools mid-late Oct; Two add'l Class 3 officers will be hired to rotate among the Elem Schools later in the year; ALSO District admin is working w/ Wayne police to have a stronger presence at / near schools throughout the district; 2) Goal is to have security vestibules in all the schools – "glass" encased area at front of buildings w/ cameras etc; Allow for a "holding area" of sorts; Visitors can be stopped before they have access to the full building; 3) Already happening in the

High Schools – visitors’ drivers licenses are scanned and a “criminal background check” is run so that registered sex offenders etc. can be vetted; Also, currently all schools have direct radio contact with the police – makes response time much quicker than having to dial via phone in an emergency; The police department has shown incredible support for our schools. 4) Wayne schools will no longer be election polling locations as of / by next year. 5) BOE is looking to possibly do another safety / security referendum; The district also has some LT Debt that’s expiring – will free up some cash that could be used for new debt for safety / security projects;

Goal 5 – Strings (instrumental) program

Additional info. From Dr. Toback:

A presentation by members of HS Admin and District personnel will be given at 10/4 BOE mtg re: Block Scheduling at the high schools; Barring major road blocks / concerns etc BOE would possibly look to vote on Block Scheduling at following mtg approx. 10/18; Goal would be to roll out for next school year (2019-20); Eileen Domico summarized block scheduling – allows for more in class time for instruction; Class periods will be 58 min per class; Less wasted time moving between classes; Common lunch period for all students which allows more teacher time for extra help, for club mtgs etc vs only after school; Dr. Toback added that this can maximize time for kids to join clubs during their lunch periods; The presentation will be posted online following the BOE mtg 10/4

Council Officers’ Reports:

- **Recording Secretary:** Eileen Domico (o/b/o Rania Varoqua) called for a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the June 14, 2018 meeting. Motion: Amy Sees 2nd: Deb Califf. No discussion. Motion passed by a show of hands.
- **Corresponding Secretary:** Lisa Apa requested that emails sent to info@waynecouncilofptos.com include in the subject line “for distribution” if it’s to be sent out or very specific info what the email is in reference to; Please cc Eileen’s personal email on all emails sent (edomico426@gmail.com); Council President approves any / all emails before they go out to Chapter personnel AND Chapter Presidents MUST approve any emails before they are sent to your populations
- **Treasurer/ Asst. Treasurer(s):** Jennifer Crawford/ Christine Gaccione left the meeting early; Eileen Domico reported o/b/o Treasurer that binders will be due end of September; Drop off will be in a box outside of Christine Gaccione’s house; The sooner the binders are sent in, the quicker the auditor can begin the audit and the faster you will get them back; First quarter report due Oct 15, 2018; In regards to any raffles, when sending in check requests, please do not use “chapter specific” check request forms – use the one that has Wayne Council of PTOs as the letterhead.
- **Vice President Report:** Jamie Lillis (o/b/o Leslie Dianuzzo) discussed that COIs are needed for any and all offsite events, for example a dine out night - anything that is not on school grounds; COI’s need to be submitted at least 3 weeks prior to the event.
- **Presidents Report:** Eileen Domico – It’s been a busy few weeks; Anny from the **Browse N Shop** sends her thank you for our continued support; Shop is up and running; Proceeds from B&S go directly to scholarships for graduating seniors; Last year Council distributed over \$30,000 in scholarships between the 2 Wayne high schools; **PTO Membership:** Provided clarification -

Membership is due Nov 30, BUT a parent must be a paid member before they volunteer for anything thus chair people / class parent / committee volunteer payments are due THE EARLIER of the day their committee starts OR 11/30; **Tentative October Council meeting being moved from Oct 25 to Oct 23.** Eileen will let everyone know asap; **In regards to budget:** Can't have line items in your current year operating budget which are spent over the summer BEFORE your budgets are voted on; Any such items (ie Ice Cream Socials) need to be part of last year's excess funds carry over or taken from your PTO start up cash when spent; Emails have been sent out to schools who need to change their budgets for ice cream socials or similar line items; **The PTO Council By-Laws are available on the Council web page (waynecouncilofptos.com).** They **SHOULD BE shared with your officers BUT ARE NOT TO BE SHARED with your general parent populations;** If parents have questions about specific procedures / policies they should address to your chapter President or board officer(s) or they can address w/ Council directly; Please let your chapter officers know they have access and share the website and password with them; **BOE meeting Oct 4 @ 50 Nellis Dr. and on Oct 18 @ Council Chambers;** Eileen encouraged everyone to attend BOE meetings or watch them on the video feed or replay; BOE elections this year 11/6 - 3 open spots on the Board and 7 candidates; **Oct 29 is PTO Council BOE Candidates' Night** at 7 pm in Muni Bldg – Council Chambers (Valley Rd); Eileen reminded Presidents to solicit questions for the candidates from your populations and send in no later than 10/15

Council Committees:

- **CCW** – Had to cancel for Fall due to lack of teachers / classes; Plan to come back in Winter with a more robust program with some new classes; If you have any ideas for classes (or instructors) please send Eileen an email
- **Project Graduation-** Stephanie Fenske from Valley High School (PG 2019) reported that Dec 9 will be their craft fair (for WV PG Class of 2021) and March 13 is the PG 2019 Tricky Tray / Fashion Show; Jamie Lillis (o/b/o Leslie Dianuzzo) added that Wayne Hills' Tricky Tray / Fashion Show is March 5; Both Fashion Show / Tricky Tray events are at the Venetian in Garfield; Both are and will be looking for basket donations
- **SPA-** In need of a President; Paul Kelly is Vice President; Paul & remaining officers are keeping SPA up and running but if anyone knows someone who would be interested in serving as SPA President please reach out to Council
- **Food Bank:** every school has signed up for a month 😊 ; Gift Cards are always welcome - they help families buy perishables; Please reach out to Food Bank co-chairs (Jen Thompson, Maryam Wolke & Lisa Silva) prior to your donation month so you can determine any items specifically needed / not needed at that time; Reach out to Jen Thompson or one of the other co-chairs with any questions.

Old Business: NONE

New Business: Eileen - Lake / Pool dates for 2019 5th and 8th grade events – due to layout of the end of May and month of June calendar(s), there is a chance the pool / lake will not be able to accommodate rain dates; Eileen meeting with Parks & Rec dept next week to get updated info as to “rules” we need to abide by as far as “doubling up” on primary / rain dates etc; Will keep all chapters posted following that meeting with possible alternative solutions; Eileen suggested taking the info back to your Bldg Principals (Elem and MS only) and solicit thoughts as to possible

alternatives; Proposed alternative solutions are welcome; Wanted to start this discussion now rather than wait until January when it's possibly too late; Worst case rain dates might have to be at your school building.

8:58pm- Motion to adjourn by Maria Beilis and 2nd Amy Sees; No discussion; Motion passed by a show of hands

Attendees:

Eileen Domico	Council President
Christine Gaccione	Council
Jamie Lillis	Council
Valerie McGrath	WVHS PG Overall
Maria Beilis	WVHS
Deb Califf	GWMS
Maria Ahmad	Lafayette
Anita Matteo	Lafayette
Janine Josephsen	JFK
Katie Hughes	Theunis Dey (o/b/o Theunis Presiidents)
Lisa Lefler	WVHS PG 2021
Kathy Siganc	WVHS PG 2021
Kerrian Palmieri	WEA
Rania Varoqua	Council
Jen Crawford	Council
Chung Wallace	Randall Carter
Lisa Apa	Council
Joanne Goodstadt	Pines Lake
Michelle Sevret	Pines Lake
Erin Jowaisas	GWMS
Mindy Slaska	APT
Melissa Keenan	APT
Stephanie Fenske	WVPG 2019
Amy Sees	SCMS