

**SYSTEM-WIDE PARENT TEACHERS ADVISORY COUNCIL
BOARD OF EDUCATION–CONFERENCE ROOM
43 HALL AVENUE, WALLINGFORD
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2015
MINUTES**

In attendance: Tammy Raccio, Chauntel Papallo Ebbeka, Jonathan Chappell, Karen Hlavac, Gina Barrett, Bryan Rivard, Cheryl Wolansky, April Rudman, Nicholas Passariello, Peter Angelastro, Scott Mowerson, Suzanne Prentice, Sal Menzo, Rob Mancusi, Amy Tierney, Bekka Carr, Stephanie Cerrato, Marcia Novicelli, Mike Sevigny, Jenny Cabral, Kate O'Donnell, Shawn Parkhurst

1. Call to Order–6:03 p.m. and Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes of September 15, 2015
3. Smarter Balanced Assessment: New Test. Next Results.

Shawn Parkhurst reviewed SBAC results 2015. Spring 2015 was first test administration. Described computer adaptive change. Measures CCSS, not CT Frameworks. 4 levels. Wallingford scored near State averages. Reviewed goals. Baseline data year, need to collect trend data to begin to hold discussions about potential instructional changes. Rob Mancusi described DESSA assessment. Reviewed a sample student report. Request for feedback on letter. SBAC presentation will be posted on website.

4. Food Service Presentation/ Discussion

Sharlene Wong presented changes in USDA food law for students. Calories, fat, sodium evaluated weekly. Zero trans fats allowed. Discussed National School Lunch Program limits. New veggie packaging with hummus increased vegetable consumption by 35%. Food service department is under a USDA audit. Reviewed milk, fruit, vegetables (rotated by color), grains, and meat allotments for the week at each level. Reviewed use of whole grains, milk. Discussion about changes to procedures to ensure fresher milk. New initiatives cereal meal, raw veggie packaging, Wallingford lunch box, black trays (to make food look more appealing), new photos online of lunches, spice station. Need to evaluate effectiveness of new initiatives. Will work to create nutritional guidelines for meals for students with specific health needs. Copy of presentation will be posted on website. Food allergy question. Procedures reviewed.

Link to Powerpoint Presentation will be online.

5. Family Engagement Conference- debrief (handout)

Capacity-building framework- the challenge, opportunity conditions, policy and program goals, family and staff capacity outcomes- when parents come through the door, treat them like they are wearing a gown and a tiara even if they are wearing pjs and slippers, Wallingford is doing a lot of good in this area

6. Various SW PTAC Updates

- a. Update on LHHS Athletic Complex- Field on schedule for Nov 15, lanes will be done after field is complete
- b. Bus Camera Update- October 21 meeting to finalize the bid between purchasing and legal departments for the town, currently doing a route analysis
- c. Save the Date- PPS Fair 10/27 at the Oakdale- over 15 vendors, Rob Mancusi will share the list of vendors
- d. Virtual Backpacks at Schools- status update- 100%
- e. Parent Checklists- status update- missing 5 schools

7. Sub Committee Updates

- a. Underage Drinking (upcoming presentation 10/28)- Town Council, bringing high school students to help present
- b. Wallingford Health Improvement Plan 2020 Thursday night- 5:30pm at Town Hall
- c. Dress Code Committee- need more people on the committee, only elementary parents on the committee

8. School Based PTAC Roundtable

- a. Pond Hill/ Stevens- reviewed mastery-based learning
- b. Yalesville/ Highland- SBAC results, bus cameras, parents don't really understand mastery-based learning yet, goal is to have standards and indicators for all content areas, working on proficiency scales and learning objectives
- c. Cook Hill- Parker Farms- kick off meeting, step up day caused social anxiety for students, possible solution getting second graders together more often to help, not anxiety about the teacher assignments

9. Adjournment- 8:42 pm