

**SYSTEM-WIDE PARENT TEACHERS ADVISORY COUNCIL
TEMPORARY BOE OFFICES, 100 SOUTH TURNPIKE RD
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016
Minutes**

Attendance: Tammy Raccio (HES/SHS), Sal Menzo, Bekka Carr (HES), Kate O'Donnell (WEA), Nick Passariello (HES/YES), Christina Wilonski (RH/PH), Pam Chasse (LHHS), Stephanie Cerrato (CH/PH), Amy Tierney (MYB), Umera Raza (MYB/RH)

1. Call to Order – 6:00 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes of January 19, 2015
3. Bus Camera Update - # of Cameras, # of Citations, Status of Pilots, etc. (L. Winters)
 - Communication sent out to parents because some infractions were by parents on school property
 - 5 citations issued last week
 - Police department has been supportive and collaborating with WPS
 - Need to check status of bus idling signs
 - Monthly updates at future PTAC meetings
 - Request to have Linda report back on bus routes with no data/ still in pilot phase (add Linda to SWPTAC distribution list)
4. Student/School Photographer Contracts (Linda Winters/Amy Tierney)
 - Update from kickoff meeting 2/11/16
 - Parents from all school levels started criteria list, such as a consistent base package to compare prices, could class pictures be free, rebates going back to school
 - Created priority list of all criteria discussed (criteria separated by technical and financial)
 - Suggested a student ID with a bar code that could be scanned and used in cafeteria/library/attendance
 - List will be shared with principals at all levels
 - Will go out to bid with parent-created criteria list
5. Budget Update for 16-17 (T. Raccio/Dr. Menzo)
 - Parent Guide to Advocacy – handout- still waiting on confirmed addresses and phone numbers, waiting on confirmed budget dates
 - Review updated SW PTAC website/Contact Info.
 - Final budget workshop for BOE tomorrow night- discussion about unencumbered fund balance
 - Potluck budget dinner for Town Council- March 22

- Two dates in April for questions
6. Dress Code Committee – Next Steps (T. Raccio)
 - Volunteers include parents and administrators (add students?, teachers?)
 - Kickoff Meeting will be scheduled soon, looking at available dates
 - Once committee decides on a dress code, it goes to policy committee to determine how it is administered before it goes to the BOE for approval
 7. Welcoming Walkthroughs – meetings with Principals (Dr. Menzo)
 - Walkthrough team meets with principal and school-based climate committee
 - Senior citizen, BOE member, student, realtor, parent, staff member- Sal will facilitate
 - Set up meeting for school coordinators
 8. MBL Next Steps (Dr. Menzo)
 - Book Talk – *On Your Mark* by Thomas Guskey
 - Mastery-based learning system is not a grading system, it is an instructional model
 - Grading may change as a result because we will separate content and work habits
 - Planning on implementing for 2017 for all levels, but grading changes only for K-8 at first
 - Reporting of grades will be at indicator level for progress during the year, standard level for the end of the year
 - Upcoming Community Nights from 6:30-9pm March 1, 10, 16, 23, 30 at a variety of locations- Lyman Hall, Dag, Moran, Sheehan, and Central Office
 - 45 minute presentation, the remaining time will be a diverse panel
 - Discussion about standards and performance indicators, cross-curricular standards and habits of work
 - *Most Likely to Succeed* movie night in the fall
 9. Parent Choice Awards (Chappell/Raccio)- tabled until March
 10. Other Sub Committee Updates
 - SPUDS working on prom pledge and calendar of events
 - Seeking a vendor to sponsor
 - New banner across Main Street
 - Working with SADD groups at both high schools
 - Food service changes, going out to RFP, organizing a giveaway day, more details to come
 11. School Based PTAC Roundtable
 - Rock Hill- discussed bus cameras, no breakfast currently served, having Chromebooks in classrooms gives teachers more flexibility with scheduling, elementary teachers are already using elements of mastery-based learning

- Highland-Yalesville- SBAC discussion with Chromebooks, parking discussion continued, STEPS- tobacco education program by police officer in town (Officer Shelly), all second grade classes across town, were hoping the text system would display the message, not just link to the message that must be opened in audio
- Cook Hill- Parker Farms- parent curriculum website reviewed, will share with PTO group on a larger screen, focused on teacher/parent engagement opportunities
- Sheehan- presentation by Melanie Montagnon about Habits of Work, discussion about how timeliness is approached, office hours starting in March

12. Next SW PTAC Meeting March 15, 2016

13. Adjournment- 8:06pm

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