

**System-wide Parent Teachers Advisory Council  
Board of Education- Conference Room  
43 Hall Avenue, Wallingford**

**Tuesday, December 16, 2014**

**Minutes**

In attendance: Umera Raza, Beth Raccio, Nick Passariello, Karen Hlavac, Sal Menzo, Tammy Raccio, Shawn Parkhurst, Mike Votto

1. Call to order- 6:00pm
2. Approval of Minutes of November 18, 2014
3. Strategic Plan/ Parent Budget Forum Update- Full day kindergarten discussion, Board of Education is in support 8-0 vote, approaching it like surrounding districts in moving capital budget items out of the regular budget- full day kindergarten will now require an additional 1.5 teacher and 4.5 paraprofessionals, brings cost down from \$1.5 million to approximately \$400,000. January 14, 2015- 6pm at Town Council chambers will be budget presentation (sustained services and strategic planning), March 1, 2015- budget presented to Town, Town final approval at June Town Council meeting
4. Collaboration Opportunities Update (page 77 from 3/2-14 Budget presentation):  
[http://www.wallingford.k12.ct.us/uploaded/Board\\_of\\_Education/Budget20142015/Budget\\_Presentation\\_Wallingford\\_Public\\_Schools\\_-\\_3-11-14.pdf](http://www.wallingford.k12.ct.us/uploaded/Board_of_Education/Budget20142015/Budget_Presentation_Wallingford_Public_Schools_-_3-11-14.pdf)

### **Recommended Opportunities for Collaboration Since 2012**

Recommended Opportunities	Progress Update
Technology Collaboration	
Vehicle Servicing	
Printing/Production Collaboration	
Athletic Field Advertising	<b>In Progress</b>
Courier Service Collaboration	
Senior Center Transportation	
Food Services Collaboration with Senior Center	
Shared Services in Maintenance	
Procurement Card	<b>Seeking Final Approval Tonight</b>
Coordinated Capital Budget for Town	

Athletic Field Advertising- complete: Procurement Card- complete

Other opportunities are more limited

Insurance we do collaborate on, and purchase of oil/ gas

Additional opportunities- purchasing department

Regional collaboration does exist with special education transportation, curriculum writing, professional development

5. School Ambassador Update  
Orientation scheduled for February 2015- 1 hour long- more information will be coming soon
6. Bad Weather Notifications

Currently- email, phone call, website, radio

Do we need all of these methods? Are they repetitive?

Only a few parents are complaining, some parents would rather have more contact rather than less

Ask Karen Veilleux about changing how phone numbers are chosen by the system

7. Call for Volunteers- Leadership Team Rep for SW PTAC

Reviewed Parent Volunteer Opportunity, want to encourage parents who will network and communicate with other parents, can we create volunteer requirements and expectations list for all opportunities

8. Work Group Updates

Budget Committee Volunteers- Nick Passariello

9. School based PTAC Roundtable- Pond Hill- Parent Identification Process/ Consistency with other schools (tabled until January when Amy Foreman can be in attendance) Joint Lyman Hall Sheehan meeting January 8th at Sheehan Library 6:30pm (snowdate January 15th)- readout of health survey information- Survey and results:

[http://www.myrecordjournal.com/csp/mediapool/sites/dt.common.streams.StreamServer.cls?STREAMOID=PrKq7Nnei%246cF67A1Qk5f5M5tm0Zxrvol3sywaAHBAmcx3jZwoYdQWwLgm0JUu\\_UE0%24uXvBjavslIACLNr6VhLEUIm2tympBeeq1Fwi7sliqrCfKm\\_F3DhYfWov3omce%248CAqP1xDAFoSAgEcS6kSQ--&CONTENTTYPE=application%2Fpdf&CONTENTDISPOSITION=WallingfordYouthSurvey.pdf](http://www.myrecordjournal.com/csp/mediapool/sites/dt.common.streams.StreamServer.cls?STREAMOID=PrKq7Nnei%246cF67A1Qk5f5M5tm0Zxrvol3sywaAHBAmcx3jZwoYdQWwLgm0JUu_UE0%24uXvBjavslIACLNr6VhLEUIm2tympBeeq1Fwi7sliqrCfKm_F3DhYfWov3omce%248CAqP1xDAFoSAgEcS6kSQ--&CONTENTTYPE=application%2Fpdf&CONTENTDISPOSITION=WallingfordYouthSurvey.pdf) Article with partial results: <http://www.myrecordjournal.com/wallingford/wallingfordnews/6062093-129/wallingford-high-school-survey-reveals-student-behavior-differences.html>

PPS PTAC- Attorney gave overview of legal terms and special education issues

New bus issue- bus stops and times are made public in the newspaper, concern about student safety raised, will be added to a future agenda for discussion

Elementary PTAC officers and minutes need to be updated on website- list of missing schools to Sal Menzo to contact principals

10. Adjournment