

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

AGENDA

Present: Kate O'Donnell, Tammy Raccio (Moran), Karen Hlavac, Shawn Parkhurst, Sal Menzo, Beth Raccio (MTS), Cheryl Wolansky (LHHS), Christine Lion (DAG)

1. Call to Order – 6:00 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes of June 17, 2014

Christine Lion made a motion to approve
Tammy Raccio seconded

Minutes approved by all members of the SWPTAC

3. Review of Meeting dates for 2014-2015 and SW PTAC website
Rock Hill and Moses Y. Beach - Shawn checked with Rob Arcerio and Carrie LaTorre and they are not combining their PTAC groups- Rock Hill is seeking Systemwide PTAC rep at their meeting this evening
4. Reflection on SW PTAC 13-14 PowerPoint- Will be posted on website by webmaster, Kate O'Donnell
5. Status update of school based PTACs including website updates, elections, SW representatives

Each website has the same structure as the System Wide one

Dates and locations are posted

Some schools have vacant officers

PPS reps - Kate O'Donnell will reach out to Rob Mancusi to fill these vacancies

Link to bylaws on the page

Link to System Wide PTAC from each school's PTAC site

Previous years minutes and agendas are available through Tammy - group decided to post them on the website (one year in the rear); Tammy will supply these to Kate O'Donnell with the System Wide PTAC and Moran PTAC minutes, Sal will reach out to the principals for the minutes and agendas (except Moran)

6. Strategic Plan Update= Dr. Menzo provided an update
Summer 2014 about 40 members met to review the Strategic Plan for the previous five years; revised the mission and belief statements, Steering Committees has seen the revisions and are providing feedback, Steering Committee is meeting on October 23rd at 4:30 pm to finalize the beliefs and mission statements; gallery walk will occur with the 5 areas of the Strategic Plan for review and feedback
Previous Goals have been reviewed, objectives have been reviewed and new action steps taken
Goal is to bring the document to the Board of Education in November
October SWPTAC meeting will be a time to share belief statements, mission and vision
Dr. Menzo is meeting with the various community groups to get feedback on the mission, vision and beliefs
Each school will have their 5 building based plans tied to the Strategic Plan
7. Budget update – Capital Expenditures- Dr. Menzo provided an update; town officials are meeting with school staff in early October
An update will be provided next month at SWPTAC
8. Work Group Updates
Handout was reviewed, suggestion was made to leverage to get to new parents in the community
Project
Sponsor/Parent Chair
School Ambassador Program
Dr. Menzo/TBD
Standards Based Grading
Shawn Parkhurst/TBD
School Bus Safety
Dr. Menzo/TBD
Technology Fundraiser

TBD/Jenni French

9. Discussion of consistency in communications (clarity school based communications and district-wide)

An example of one school's communication was shared regarding parent/teacher conferences

Concern was raised over feeling that if there is a problem with your child at the secondary level then a conference is warranted- Need for parent conference letters from MS and HS to be shared for philosophy to shift/change

10. Update on BYOD policy (committee formed in March – not sure if this happened)

No new developments

11. Update on Capstone Projects

Pilot is underway at both high schools

Community projects will be shared with students by community members and Dr. Menzo

Quirky (a company in NYC) is willing to provide feedback to our students

Crash Course in Creativity will run in the Spring with both high schools and Choate

12. Update on Parent SEE graduates, PEP program and Parent Leadership Conference 10/7/14

Expand parent ambassador program

All schools - send names of new students to our schools this year and that information will be shared (Dr. Menzo will gather this information)

Consider providing a direct mailing to them to come to a particular event

PEP (People Empowering People) - second week is tomorrow; there are 9 members

Parent Leadership Conference - members of Parent SEE are invited to this

Consider development of invited guest list for future meetings

School based PTAC Roundtable

School/ Report

Sheehan

- is there a chart of all the changes that have occurred in education at the specific grade levels; do we consider that when we consider piloting

Moran

- meeting not scheduled

DAG

- meeting is scheduled for 9/17/14

Lyman Hall

- has not had a meeting yet

Pond Hill/Stevens
joint meeting was held at Stevens
15. Adjournment