

**SYSTEM-WIDE PARENT TEACHERS ADVISORY COUNCIL
VO-AG COMMUNITY ROOM, LYMAN HALL HIGH SCHOOL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016
MINUTES**

In attendance: Jonathan Chappell (Pre-K, Dag), Nicholas Passariello (Highland), Erin Corso (MYB), Kate O'Donnell (WEA), Linda Winters (Central), Allayne Sundt (BOE Office/Curriculum presenter), Tammy Raccio (Highland, Sheehan), Amy Tierney (MYB), Melissa Iles (Central), Cheryl Wolansky (Lyman Hall), Beth Raccio (Sheehan), Scott Mowerson (Moran), Bryan Rivard (Cook Hill), Stephanie Cerrato (PF/CH), Mike Votto (BOE), Shauna Glidden (BOE)

1. Call to Order – 6:00 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes of November 17, 2015
3. Bus Camera Update from BOE presentation 7/27/15 and Bus Idling Laws (Linda Winters)
 - How long until there are permanent cameras outside identified high risk routes? 2 permanent cameras installed today, January 19, 2016
 - How many routes have been analyzed with temporary cameras? Which ones? Route analysis shared with parents, 4 routes have met criteria for permanent, must be higher than 0.30 average daily violations, 2 buses have permanent cameras, 2 others will have analysis repeated, Linda Winters will inquire about “Camera Angle Wrong” notations
 - Timeline for completion? Ongoing effort
 - Have we ordered Bus idling signs? Yes, have been ordered. Many schools already have them posted. Durham has reviewed the bus idling regulations in November.
 - Now that they have live data, they will train the Wallingford PD, next step is to complete route analysis on remaining bus routes
 - Will be on next month’s agenda to review new data

4. Student/School Photographer Contracts (Linda Winters/Amy Tierney)

- First meeting in February

Parents willing to Review School Photographer Contracts	
Cook Hill	1
Cook Hill, Parker Farms	1
Dag Hammarskjold	1
Dag Hammarskjold, Lyman Hall	1
E.C. Stevens	2
James H. Moran	1
Mark T. Sheehan	2
Moses Y. Beach	2
Rock Hill	3
Rock Hill, Dag Hammarskjold	1
Yalesville, James H. Moran	2
Yalesville, Mark T. Sheehan	1
Grand Total	18

- Amy Tierney will chair the school photographer contract committee, 20 parents have volunteered, parents will be surveyed to set up a meeting date, could have sub-committees within the committee by level, will invite principals as well
- Business Office is examining if photography rebates going back to schools are allowed, recommend that the rebates are eliminated
- Business Office will share criteria list used in the past with the committee in February, sub-groups will meet and make final decisions about the criteria

- Principals normally sign the contracts, they will be reminded to wait until this process is complete
5. Budget Update for 16-17 (Dr. Menzo)- Sustained services budget proposal- 3.33% increase, reviewed the importance of parent voice and support throughout the budget process
 6. [Healthy Food Certification](#) next steps (Dr. Menzo)- If the school applies, can bring money to the school district \$0.10 per meal served and estimated at \$37,000 annually, [One page overview](#), school groups would like to have more information
 7. Welcoming Walkthroughs – meetings with Principals (Dr. Menzo)- Principals that were spoken to were positive (Cook Hill, Parker Farms, Yalesville, Highland, Rock Hill)- Shawn will check back to see if we can go forward
 8. Parent – Teacher Sub Committee Discussion (Dr. Menzo)- tabled until next meeting
 9. Book Talk- On Your Mark- Hubcap February 22 at 7-8am, February 29 at 3-4 pm, March 3 at 4-5pm, members will contact me (Scott Mowerson)
 10. Parent Curriculum Website – (Shawn Parkhurst)- Allayne Sundt presented curriculum website www.tinyurl.com/WPSCurriculum, demonstrated how to access a grade level and subject, each section contains overview, standards, links, subject area toolboxes, will add pacing and a form for feedback
 11. Various SW PTAC Updates
 - Results of Elementary Schools Parent SWOT analysis- tabled
 12. Parent Choice Awards (Chappell/TRaccio)- Options were shared to get sponsorships from local businesses for teacher awards, solicit volunteers for the sub-committee, develop criteria list
 13. Sub Committee Updates- Dress Code Committee (Kari Copeland)- need to review current dress code, Prom Pledge planning in progress, Safe Homes pledge- some confusion about whether the PTAC is supporting this Coalition/ Youth and Social Services initiative, SPUDS (Underage Drinking committee) will discuss it at their February 1 meeting and will come back to next SWPTAC meeting
 14. School Based PTAC Roundtable
 - Highland- parking/bus issue, similar at some other schools particularly for Pre-K students, will be discussed at a principal's meeting
 - MYB- Students who are fall birthdays and kept out can't take a preschool slot because it is partially funded by a grant, can the district consider other options for those students
 - Rock Hill- discussed Welcoming Walkthroughs and parent checklists
 15. Next SW PTAC Meeting February 16, 2016
 16. Adjournment- 8:56 pm