

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

Meeting Minutes

In attendance, Karen Hlavac, Mike Votto, Adelheid Koepfer, Sal Menzo, April Rudman, Chauntel Ebbeka, Kate O'Donnell, Nick Passariello, Rhonda Ranney, Tammy Raccio, Shawn Parkhurst, Christine Lion, Beth Raccio, Amy Foreman, Jonathan Chappell, John Sullivan

1. Call to Order – 6:00 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes of December 16, 2014

New Business

3. BOE Budget Presentation/Community Budget Forum Update
 - Presentation on the district website
 - 2 page fact sheet going out to parents this week will also be on swptac.blogspot.com
 - Saturday's forum 8-2 will be advertised on the fact sheet
 - Parents are encouraged to ask questions
 - Review of salient points from budget presentation: full day kindergarten, teacher contract, unencumbered funds, reallocation of staff
4. Balanced Score Card Criteria
 - State is revisiting Strategic School Profiles, has put together a committee to look at new version
 - 3 columns of data: achievement data, college and career readiness, "well-rounded" elements
 - District committee has created a draft list, looking for parent input
 - Can educational links be added to the school checklists?
 - Be a learning hero has been added:
 - http://www.bealearninghero.org/?&utm_medium=email&utm_source=cfss&utm_content=3+-+Be+A+Learning+Hero&utm_campaign=Daily+Roundup-12-5-14&source=Daily+Roundup-12-5-14#problem-solvers
 - Discussion of changes to open house
5. TEAM – Together Every Alum Matters
 - Trying to connect with former Wallingford students willing to mentor/ job shadow current students

- Set up webpage, information sheet about alumni to gather information, also a section to refer others, referred individuals get an email asking to join and help
- They will receive Education Connections electronically
- Looking for volunteer to organize and gather the information, contact Shawn Parkhurst or Sal Menzo if interested

6. Tip Line Purpose/Advertising (WPS Tip Line 203-949-6592)

- WPS Safety Tip Line, can be anonymous
- Has been simplified, one line
- Checked daily by Central Office, forwarded to appropriate administrator
- Will add Spanish section

7. New Britain Opportunity

- WECARE job opportunity

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Ongoing/Carryover Items

8. Bad Weather Notifications – Update from Karen on how numbers are chosen

- Currently, school cancellation notifications communicated via: Tweet, Facebook, TV, district website, news websites, phone call, radio, text message
- Many districts only use emergency phone system for actual emergencies
- Current robo-call company is not able to handle the volume we have thus calls have been inconsistent. We were required to use the lowest bidding company and are documenting the issues.

9. Parent Checklist – Updates by School

- Moran created first list
- Have list for Sheehan, Lyman Hall, Moran, Highland/ Yalesville
- Christine Lion presented at Dag at January meeting, guidance is completing it
- Pond Hill/ Stevens has not had a meeting since
- Rock Hill/ Moses Y. Beach need to work on it
- Cook Hill/ Parker Farms- No representation or update
- What happens next? Do they need approval? Add to the website. Needs an annual update schedule.
- High schools are ready to publish, middle schools need to be finalized, elementary schools still being created

10. Sub Committee Update

11. Elementary School PTAC Updates (Websites, Meetings, Minutes & Officers)

- Discussed issues with some elementary PTACs that are under attended
- Elementary meetings are all in the evening as of this year
- Discussion that members didn't know Principals don't run school PTAC and there should be officers at for those PTACs too.

12. School Based PTAC Roundtable

- Dag- want more information about Parent Ambassador program, information will be coming soon; dress code sub-committee recommends review of handbooks by PTACs, consistency with middle schools, high schools have a difference in tolerance of hats, PTACs should review and support dress codes
- Joint Sheehan/ Lyman Hall meeting at Sheehan about Health and Wellness survey- well-attended, discussed hosting another meeting in the spring at Lyman Hall
- Wellness committee meeting next week to follow up on the survey as well as other issues, contact Sal Menzo if interested in volunteering

John Sullivan, Town Councilor, spoke about interview of replacement for Chet Miller. He asked parents with questions or concerns to contact him at Councilorsullivan@snet.net

13. Adjournment