

Wayne Council of PTO's
Presidents' Meeting/ Superintendent's Meeting

Thursday , Sept 27, 2018

7:00pm @ Preakness Bldg. Room 9

Welcome: Eileen Domico called meeting to order 7:07pm.

New Business: Eileen Domico - deviation from "normal" agenda order as we have to install Rania Varoqua as Recording Secretary; Recall from June '18 no nominees for this role; Rania volunteered over the Summer and was appointed by a majority of the PTO Council Executive Board; Jamie Lillis conducted the installation.

District Administration/ Board of Education Reports:

- **WEA** - Kerrian Palmieri: Looking forward to a great year; Collected donations of \$500 for PTO food bank – they will "go shopping" for needed items based on list provided by Food Bank chair(s); Also donating (donated) a box of the reusable tote bags; They are also looking for teachers to assist with CCW; BOE has endorsed 3 candidates for the upcoming school board election 11/6 – anyone can speak to Kerrian after the meeting if they wish to discuss
- **Superintendent / Asst. Superintendent** - Dr. Toback/Mrs. Reichman went through District Goals for 2018-2019. **Goal 1-Wellness.** This goal has received a lot of accolades in the news; the district is striving towards wellness for both students and teachers; Weekend of Oct 6th will be the first "wellness weekend" district wide – no homework for students and no major assessments on Tuesday (no school Monday); We will have 2 additional Wellness Weekends this year; Mrs. Reichman added that a Life Coach trained teachers over the summer and will return and coach counselors Oct 8; Life Coach training includes "dashboarding" and "mindfulness" training; Discussed possibility of having the life coach also give class to Wayne Council of PTO's Board and Chapter Pres / VPs; Eileen will get back to Mrs. Reichman with thoughts. **Goal 2-QSAC Preparations,** Donna Reichman briefly went over that Wayne public schools performed very well against external performance standards, NJDOE. **Goal 3-LINK-IT** – Means to gather and use student data (test scores, etc) to support instructional decision making and areas of focus in the classroom – esp w/ regard to Math and English; Dr. Toback discussed having a "digital file" for each child that moves with the child as they go up in grade level; All test scores and teacher notes can be added to the file so that the data can be used to analyze student performance; LINK IT tool empowers teachers to differentiate among the students in their classrooms and give them specialized instruction if / as needed; Parents can also ask to view data in their child's file. **Goal 4- Safety and Security** Dr. Toback discussed 1) increased police presence in all the schools; District / Twp is hiring 3 "Class 3" (retired) police officers – supervised by Wayne PD & have same authority as "regular" police officers when they're on school property; Class 3 officers are also trained as SRO's vs "security guards"; These 3 officers scheduled to start at the Middle Schools mid-late Oct; Two add'l Class 3 officers will be hired to rotate among the Elem Schools later in the year; ALSO District admin is working w/ Wayne police to have a stronger presence at / near schools throughout the district; 2) Goal is to have security vestibules in all the schools – "glass" encased area at front of buildings w/ cameras etc; Allow for a "holding area" of sorts; Visitors can be stopped before they have access to the full building; 3) Already happening in the

High Schools – visitors’ drivers licenses are scanned and a “criminal background check” is run so that registered sex offenders etc. can be vetted; Also, currently all schools have direct radio contact with the police – makes response time much quicker than having to dial via phone in an emergency; The police department has shown incredible support for our schools. 4) Wayne schools will no longer be election polling locations as of / by next year. 5) BOE is looking to possibly do another safety / security referendum; The district also has some LT Debt that’s expiring – will free up some cash that could be used for new debt for safety / security projects;

Goal 5 – Strings (instrumental) program

Additional info. From Dr. Toback:

A presentation by members of HS Admin and District personnel will be given at 10/4 BOE mtg re: Block Scheduling at the high schools; Barring major road blocks / concerns etc BOE would possibly look to vote on Block Scheduling at following mtg approx. 10/18; Goal would be to roll out for next school year (2019-20); Eileen Domico summarized block scheduling – allows for more in class time for instruction; Class periods will be 58 min per class; Less wasted time moving between classes; Common lunch period for all students which allows more teacher time for extra help, for club mtgs etc vs only after school; Dr. Toback added that this can maximize time for kids to join clubs during their lunch periods; The presentation will be posted online following the BOE mtg 10/4

Council Officers’ Reports:

- **Recording Secretary:** Eileen Domico (o/b/o Rania Varoqua) called for a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the June 14, 2018 meeting. Motion: Amy Sees 2nd: Deb Califf. No discussion. Motion passed by a show of hands.
- **Corresponding Secretary:** Lisa Apa requested that emails sent to info@waynecouncilofptos.com include in the subject line “for distribution” if it’s to be sent out or very specific info what the email is in reference to; Please cc Eileen’s personal email on all emails sent (edomico426@gmail.com); Council President approves any / all emails before they go out to Chapter personnel AND Chapter Presidents MUST approve any emails before they are sent to your populations
- **Treasurer/ Asst. Treasurer(s):** Jennifer Crawford/ Christine Gaccione left the meeting early; Eileen Domico reported o/b/o Treasurer that binders will be due end of September; Drop off will be in a box outside of Christine Gaccione’s house; The sooner the binders are sent in, the quicker the auditor can begin the audit and the faster you will get them back; First quarter report due Oct 15, 2018; In regards to any raffles, when sending in check requests, please do not use “chapter specific” check request forms – use the one that has Wayne Council of PTOs as the letterhead.
- **Vice President Report:** Jamie Lillis (o/b/o Leslie Dianuzzo) discussed that COIs are needed for any and all offsite events, for example a dine out night - anything that is not on school grounds; COI’s need to be submitted at least 3 weeks prior to the event.
- **Presidents Report:** Eileen Domico – It’s been a busy few weeks; Anny from the **Browse N Shop** sends her thank you for our continued support; Shop is up and running; Proceeds from B&S go directly to scholarships for graduating seniors; Last year Council distributed over \$30,000 in scholarships between the 2 Wayne high schools; **PTO Membership:** Provided clarification - Membership is due Nov 30, BUT a parent must be a paid member before they volunteer for

anything thus chair people / class parent / committee volunteer payments are due THE EARLIER of the day their committee starts OR 11/30; **Tentative October Council meeting being moved from Oct 25 to Oct 23.** Eileen will let everyone know asap; **In regards to budget:** Can't have line items in your current year operating budget which are spent over the summer BEFORE your budgets are voted on; Any such items (ie Ice Cream Socials) need to be part of last year's excess funds carry over or taken from your PTO start up cash when spent; Emails have been sent out to schools who need to change their budgets for ice cream socials or similar line items; **The PTO Council By-Laws are available on the Council web page (waynecouncilofptos.com).** They **SHOULD BE shared with your officers BUT ARE NOT TO BE SHARED with your general parent populations;** If parents have questions about specific procedures / policies they should address to your chapter President or board officer(s) or they can address w/ Council directly; Please let your chapter officers know they have access and share the website and password with them; **BOE meeting Oct 4 @ 50 Nellis Dr. and on Oct 18 @ Council Chambers;** Eileen encouraged everyone to attend BOE meetings or watch them on the video feed or replay; BOE elections this year 11/6 - 3 open spots on the Board and 7 candidates; **Oct 29 is PTO Council BOE Candidates' Night** at 7 pm in Muni Bldg – Council Chambers (Valley Rd); Eileen reminded Presidents to solicit questions for the candidates from your populations and send in no later than 10/15

Council Committees:

- **CCW** – Had to cancel for Fall due to lack of teachers / classes; Plan to come back in Winter with a more robust program with some new classes; If you have any ideas for classes (or instructors) please send Eileen an email
- **Project Graduation-** Stephanie Fenske from Valley High School (PG 2019) reported that Dec 9 will be their craft fair (for WV PG Class of 2021) and March 13 is the PG 2019 Tricky Tray / Fashion Show; Jamie Lillis (o/b/o Leslie Dianuzzo) added that Wayne Hills' Tricky Tray / Fashion Show is March 5; Both Fashion Show / Tricky Tray events are at the Venetian in Garfield; Both are and will be looking for basket donations
- **SPA-** In need of a President; Paul Kelly is Vice President; Paul & remaining officers are keeping SPA up and running but if anyone knows someone who would be interested in serving as SPA President please reach out to Council
- **Food Bank:** every school has signed up for a month 🍷 ; Gift Cards are always welcome - they help families buy perishables; Please reach out to Food Bank co-chairs (Jen Thompson, Maryam Wolke & Lisa Silva) prior to your donation month so you can determine any items specifically needed / not needed at that time; Reach out to Jen Thompson or one of the other co-chairs with any questions.

Old Business: NONE

New Business: Eileen - Lake / Pool dates for 2019 5th and 8th grade events – due to layout of the end of May and month of June calendar(s), there is a chance the pool / lake will not be able to accommodate rain dates; Eileen meeting with Parks & Rec dept next week to get updated info as to “rules” we need to abide by as far as “doubling up” on primary / rain dates etc; Will keep all chapters posted following that meeting with possible alternative solutions; Eileen suggested taking the info back to your Bldg Principals (Elem and MS only) and solicit thoughts as to possible alternatives; Proposed alternative solutions are welcome; Wanted to start this discussion now

rather than wait until January when it's possibly too late; Worst case rain dates might have to be at your school building.

8:58pm- Motion to adjourn by Maria Beilis and 2nd Amy Sees; No discussion; Motion passed by a show of hands

Attendees:

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| Eileen Domico | Council President |
| Christine Gaccione | Council |
| Jamie Lillis | Council |
| Valerie McGrath | WVHS PG Overall |
| Maria Beilis | WVHS |
| Deb Califf | GWMS |
| Maria Ahmad | Lafayette |
| Anita Matteo | Lafayette |
| Janine Josephsen | JFK |
| Katie Hughes | Theunis Dey (o/b/o Theunis Presiidents) |
| Lisa Lefler | WVHS PG 2021 |
| Kathy Siganc | WVHS PG 2021 |
| Kerrian Palmieri | WEA |
| Rania Varoqua | Council |
| Jen Crawford | Council |
| Chung Wallace | Randall Carter |
| Lisa Apa | Council |
| Joanne Goodstadt | Pines Lake |
| Michelle Sevret | Pines Lake |
| Erin Jowaisas | GWMS |
| Mindy Slaska | APT |
| Melissa Keenan | APT |
| Stephanie Fenske | WVPG 2019 |
| Amy Sees | SCMS |