

WAYNE VALLEY PTO MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 15, 2016

IN ATTENDANCE: Monica Costanzo, Stephanie Fenske, Valerie McGrath, Gail Rovere, Teresa Kelly, Ken Palczewski, Mr. Martinez, Becky Santaniello, Linda Dubits, Rachel Gutch, Staci Lupo, Jennifer Dellerba, Michelle Duffy, Eufemia Campagna, Lisa Moore, Kim Capozzoli, Anne Garske, Doreen Velardi, Denise Lynch, Maria Beilis

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm.

The minutes of the September 27, 2016 meeting have been posted on the website for over a month and Monica gave those in attendance time to read them. Gail Rovere made a motion to accept the September 27, 2016 minutes and Becky Santaniello seconded.

OFFICER REPORTS:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Monica Costanzo

School year is going well. She is hearing good things from parents and teachers. Parents keep stepping up to help out and thank us for the work we are doing. Planner sales are over for the most part but Val will elaborate later. The addition of allowing flyers for all school happenings to our weekly newsletter has been a huge success. Monica has received several thank yous from boosters and clubs for being included and from parents and staff for keeping the Valley community informed of what is going on. People read the newsletter and look forward to receiving it. The food bank is well underway. We are collaborating with the school nurse, NHS, Peer Leaders and the Student Council. There are quite a bit of donations as of today and it will run until the end of the month. Our teams are doing very well and many have reached playoffs. Band did very well also. Girls volleyball and girls soccer are league champions. Football 1st round of NJSIAA playoff game at home will be this Friday at 7pm vs Morris Knolls. Zach Valenzuela, boys swimming, has committed to Drexel University. The Fall play, Dead Man Walking is this Thursday-Saturday at 7:30pm. We are very proud of the kids and their accomplishments!

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Stephanie Fenske

Nothing to report

TREASURER'S REPORT - Valerie McGrath

Current balance is \$14,185.37. Planners will be sold at a few more lunches and Mr. Martinez offered to sell them in the student store.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT - Teresa Kelly

Nothing to report.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT - Gail Rovere

The deadline is Friday at 4:00pm to get information into the PTO Newsletter for Sunday. Supplements can be sent, if necessary.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Mr. Palczewski

As Mr. Drozjock mentioned in his email to Monica, the Fall play "Dead Man Walking" is this weekend. And, yes, Valley has been very successful in sports. The marking period ends this Friday and the school year is going fast. There is a minimal day on Nov. 23, 12:03 dismissal. Coffee and Guidance meeting for Freshman class is complete. The Junior class meeting will be Dec. 6, 7:30-8:30 am, and concentrate on college planning. Holiday concert is Dec. 14 and Winter recess is Dec. 26-30th. Mr. Palczewski thanked the PTO for the Valley Pride banners although they are not up yet. They will be a nice addition. There are 2 flagpoles one for the American Flag and one for the Valley Pride flag. And they will be solar lit.

The faculty/student basketball game was played and the staff had a resounding win. This event is run by the Student Council. Each grade gets to play a quarter. It was a lot of fun. The gym has been repainted and there are all new banners up. The weight room was moved to the fishbowl. PE and wrestling will use the old weight room. There will be new mats added to the floors and walls. Thinking about adding yoga and self-defense, possibly other activities. This is a work in progress.

AP scholars will be recognized on Thursday night at BOE meeting. The students go first. You can watch on Channel 77 or live stream through the district website. This week is American Education Week. Parent visitation was sparse. There was a question about what time a child has to be in school in order for it to be counted as a full day. The answer is by 10:00am, a 4 hour day. Attendance is taken by period so a child will only be marked absent for the class he/she missed. They may be dropped back at school at either entrance. Student puts ID number into system to get hall pass and go right to class. If picking up for early dismissal, pick up at nurse's office. It is OK to park along curb for 5 minutes. Coming down pike is a new system to scan a driver's license of any visitor. System will print out a copy of the driver's license to use as hall pass. Just started training. Deciding how to disseminate to parents and how to implement if driver's license is not on hand.

TEACHER'S REPORT - Mr. Martinez

He reports that everything is going well and with Mr. Palczewski's encouragement, teacher participation in the PTO has increased.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BOARD OF ED LIAISON - Doreen Velardi

Kaitlyn O'Donnell has been named the student liaison to the BOE. The district anti-bullying program held a Week of Respect 10/3-10/7 with various school activities, violence awareness week 10/17-10/21 with Peace Out day being held on 10/19. Wayne schools have a great partnership with the Wayne PD. Randall Carter, again, won a grant from the Dodge Foundation in conjunction with Princeton University for an Arts Program to bring in community members to discuss various careers. There was discussion of moving newsletter in-house with an advertising plan. Testing coordinators stipends were discussed and an increase in pay for substitute nurses to \$200/day and referees coordinating their pay to be compensated for paperwork. Renovations were discussed in regard to full day kindergarten and compared to Ridgewood. We now know that was voted down. There will be a 3 year Digital Learning Plan to make improvements to the curriculum by technology. PARCC subgroups need to be improved, ELA and Math Wayne is meeting or exceeding standards. There has been growth in the district overall. The STARS (Students Teaching and Reaching Students) program was held at Wayne Hills on 10/22/16. Michael Bubba and Mitch Badiner won re-election and Stacey Scher won the 2-year term. Votes are still being tallied for the 3rd open 3-year position, between Pudup and Gambuti.

BEAUTIFICATION - Francesca Kishfy

Francesca has been in contact with Mr. Palczewski and they plan on decorating around the flagpole. She would like a budget of \$150. Valerie confirmed that there is \$150 in the budget for beautification.

HOSPITALITY - Still Open

JERSEY MIKE FUNDRAISER - The PTO has taken Mr. Palczewski's proposal and are handing the tickets out to kids that want them. Kelly Menzel reported via email that everything is set for Jersey Mike's. Everything was delivered this morning with a count of 175 staff and 66 homerooms with an average of 25 students/class. There are 1000 cards. 175 went to staff and then cards were divided to 12/homeroom along with the flyers about what to do. The office helped distribute to the homeroom teacher mailboxes and Kate Kay will email the teachers. Any leftovers will be left in office.

MEMBERSHIP - Maureen Machado

Maureen was unable to attend tonight but she reports that up to today we have 250 paid family memberships and 20 paid staff memberships. Parents are still sending in dues. The LAST day to get dues in is Nov. 30th. An email reminder will be sent out and it was suggested to add that a student is only eligible for PTO scholarships if PTO dues are paid all 4 years.

MIXED BAG FUNDRAISER - Monica Costanzo

Monica reported that this did not do as well as expected. Online sales were larger than catalog sales. Parents are still able to purchase online. This will have to be revisited next year for viability. Delivery will be before Christmas but Monica will call for a specific date.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - Judy Salmanson

Nothing to report

PLANNERS - Valerie McGrath

There are 2 boxes of planners left. \$1160 was made. Mr. Martinez will take those boxes to sell at school store for \$5 each.

PAVERS/BRICKS - Maureen Machado

Via email she reported that there are 4 orders. She is checking if there is a vendor. Mr. P will talk with Maureen.

OVERALL PROJECT GRADUATION - Becky Santaniello

A freshman board is needed. Please ask around. Becky will talk with them about what is expected and accountability. Staci Lupo volunteered to help. It was asked that Gail add to the weekly newsletter, the difference between all the dues that are paid for clarification. Mr. P will find old letter that breaks it down. It was asked what the responsibility of the the Overall Project Graduation position is. That person serves as liaison between the high school PTO and the PTO council. Each project graduation board filters through Becky and she then disseminates information to them. This position will be open next year.

PROJECT GRADUATION 2017 - Stephanie Fenske

Poinsettia/wreath sale is coming to a close. Sale is listed on Facebook page, in PTO newsletter and went out to staff. Staci Lupo said that there is confusion because she did not know if she was eligible to purchase from this sale or only 2017 parents. She wanted to know if she can buy from other fundraisers? The answer is yes. There will be a Craft Fair on Dec. 11 and some poinsettias will be on hand. March 29th will be the Fashion Show.

PROJECT GRADUATION 2018 - Anne Garske

Their first parent meeting was held with a good turnout of about 50 people. Their Spring Craft Fair will be March 19th. Their 2nd fundraiser was spirit wear for 2018. \$1200 was made, big success. They enjoyed working with Game Day Sports. It was mentioned that Student Council usually does class year spirit wear.

PROJECT GRADUATION 2019 - Stephanie Fenske

Board meeting will be next month. A discussion was held about the PTO council policy on soliciting donations.

PROJECT GRADUATION 2020 - Chairperson needed

SCHOLARSHIP AND HONORS BOARD - Anne Garske

PTO dues must be paid in order to be eligible for scholarships.

SPIRIT WEAR - Gail Rovere

Sales are great. \$2800 profit to date with more to sell. Sold \$700 mostly blankets at Valley/Hills game. For Spring sale will be partnering with FBLA, marketing and design. Need time frame. Freshman orientation is Jan. 5th with a snow date of Jan. 12th. Aiming to have something by then. Staci Lupo suggested working with Homefield Advantage in Pompton Lakes.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE - Open

VARSITY JACKETS - Denise Lynch

Sales went well. 24 sold. Slight delay with varsity letters but Denise thanked Mr. Drozjock for getting varsity letter approval and jackets should be in by end of Nov. There are plans for another sale at the beginning of next year once all banquets are done and kids get their letters for fall sports.

WEBMASTER - Joe Butz

Stephanie requested a project graduation website.

WSPA REPRESENTATIVE - Teresa Kelly

This club is dedicated to helping parents of students with special educational needs. No fee to join, simply send email to specialparentsassociation@wayneschools.com. Dec. 5th will be a Hidden Dangers Workshop, AWMS at 7pm. Dec. 1st will be a Navigating Transition from Education to Adulthood workshop, Banyan HS, Little Falls, 6:30pm. Dec. 10th will be a Transition Mini-Conference, Hackensack HS, 8:30am-3:00pm. Found under Community Section of wayneschools.com website.

OLD BUSINESS

A check was cut to Apollo flags for \$1600 for flags. They will be installed soon. Mr. P showed us a flag.

NEW BUSINESS

The flat donation letter is being drawn up by Monica. Thank you to Staci Lupo for providing a draft.

The next PTO meeting will be January 24, 2017

Wishing everyone Happy Holidays!

A motion was made by Maria Beilis to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Monica Costanzo. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Kelly

Recording Secretary

