

WAYNE VALLEY PTO MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 28, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE: Monica Costanzo, Valerie McGrath, Gail Rovere, Teresa Kelly, Jennie Franklyn, Deb Califf, Anne Garske, Kim Capozzoli, Doreen Velardi, Lisa Morse, Jennifer Dellenba, Joseph Butz, Becky Santaniello, Kyle Kubiak, Ken Palczewski

The meeting was called to order at 7:19pm.

The minutes of the September 26, 2017 meeting have been posted on the website and have been given to those in attendance to read. Deb Califf made a motion to waive the reading of those minutes and Anne Garske seconded. Becky Santaniello made a motion to accept those minutes and Joe Butz seconded.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Monica Costanzo

Monica greeted everyone and wished them happy holidays. She stated that since our last meeting, we teamed up with the rest of the Wayne schools and the NHS under the direction of Ms. Allison Solomon to raise funds for Puerto Rico hurricane victims. Wayne Valley raised about \$1700 through t-shirt sales. The proceeds will be donated to the Hispanic Federation. Thank you to Ms. Solomon, the NHS kids and Lafayette School for spearheading this team effort and for countless emails and their cooperation. Some students were wearing the t-shirts at school today. There are some kids who have not picked up their orders yet, please reach out to Ms. Solomon.

Our annual Jersey Mike's fundraiser was held on November 16 and we did very well. Five hundred and eighteen cards were handed in for a profit of \$1055. This represents a \$246 increase from last year. Thank you to Kelly Mendel for her hard work and to the families that participated.

Reminder, the last day we can accept PTO dues is November 30th.

Back to school night went very well. Setting up tables in the cafeteria was an excellent idea. Project graduation had the chance to take payments and answer questions. The boards made by Val were fabulous. Spirit wear had plenty of space to be sold and there was a membership table for forms and payments. The NHS kids helped with sales. Thank you to Mr. P for the suggestion.

We have a new vendor for varsity jackets - the preferred vendor is Accent on Leather on Hamburg Turnpike. We will no longer fit the kids. They will go directly to Accent on Leather where they will be professionally and personally fitted by the owner. Flyers are being included with the awards and letters with instructions.

The Mixed Bag fundraiser is ongoing until the end of the year. Instructions can be found in the weekly newsletter. They have great gifts for the holidays.

From the Athletics Department, Mr. drozjock writes: "Very proud of our kids."

Girls volleyball had an amazing season; League Champions, County Champions and for the first time ever, NJSIAA State Sectional Champions!

Girls gymnastics also had an incredible year; League and County Champions and qualified as a team for the NJSIAA Gymnastics Team Championships!

Field hockey tied with Northern Highlands for a League Championship!

The Fall play, Radium Girls, was loaded with talented students who bought this story to life.

Our marching band has brought great pride to our school and district by earning State and National recognition. Placed 2nd in State Tournament and 3rd at Nationals!

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Stephanie Fenske. Not present.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Valerie McGrath

Balance of \$7,545 does not include one outstanding spirit wear invoice.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT - Teresa Kelly. Nothing to report.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT - Gail Rovere. She reported a problem with the website. Joe Butz said the district changed the URLs which made the links not work but it has been corrected.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Mr. Palzcewski. Mr. P hoped everyone had a nice Thanksgiving and enjoyed their holiday. He announced a successful launch for the co op hockey team between Hills and Valley called the Wayne Knights. They beat West Milford. The kids are all getting along. The holiday concert will be held on the 13th and winter sports kick off on the 15th. Dec. 22nd, the day prior to winter recess, will be a half day. This is new for the district. Dec. 12th is sophomore career day. You will receive an email about nominating a "Teacher of the year." A new science lab is approaching completion. This lab will handle physics mostly. Then they will demo old physics lab. New lockers are coming shortly. They will be upstairs. Also, got ADA approved for media center and auditorium.

TEACHER'S REPORT - Kyle Kubiak was introduced as the new teacher liaison with the PTO. He is a Social Studies teacher and has been at Valley for 4 years. He said it is an honor to be asked to be the teacher liaison and he knows he has big shoes to fill. He said it is his pleasure to be here, he is eager to learn the ropes and be of service.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board of Ed Liaison - Doreen Velardi. She reported that 66 students were recognized for outstanding academic success as National Merit Scholars and AP Scholars. American Education week is when parents can visit the classes. Innovative science programs and English programs will be highlighted in elementary schools. Six of nine BOE trustees are conflicted due to WEA. Doctrine of Necessity will be utilized. Students have shown support to Mrs. Ross, SDA Advisor, due to her move to another school district. The Board of Ed was asked to sign the Resolution of Respect. Mr. p added that "No place for hate" pledge is not required to be signed by teachers but most of them sign to reinforce what students sign. They are proactive about it. Regarding the 1:1 Initiative, 1300 chrome books were given to 9th and

10th graders which will provide internet access for students that don't have it. They will have web filtering and safe browsing properties. There is a \$30 one time accidental damage policy. The next meeting will be on Dec. 7th.

Membership - Maureen Machado was unable to attend but she emailed, " I am keeping up with paid memberships. I checked the PTO mailbox yesterday and picked up a handful that were there. If you are wondering if people read the weekly emails, they definitely do, because on Sunday nights I get a slew of people asking if they have paid. Once I get everything together by early next week, I will email a list of paid members to you so we can send the list along with our dues to council."

Pavers/Bricks - Maureen Machado. Mr. P says he has a vendor and will email Maureen the name and number.

Overall Project Graduation - Valerie McGrath. She said a 20121 board is still needed.

2018 - Anne Garske announced that the craft fair is this weekend. 10-5 on Saturday. There will be a good drive. Kohl's care backed out for now but will participate in the future. They are collecting square tissue boxes to be used as ticket receptacles at the tricky try. There will be a box in the teachers' lounge for collection. The tricky tray will be on 3/20/18. The venue has been moved to the Westmount Country Club. Models will be fed at school catered and donated by the Brownstone. Planning meetings for students will be held soon on what the tricky tray and fashion show are all about and to vote on a theme. Foxybe boutique will give kids a percentage off on dresses and give a percentage of sales in a gift card to be used as a tricky tray prize. This is a win/win for everybody. This should run for one month if approved with COI. This is a new business in town. Image Gallery wants the same type of deal. Donations are being sought. Hills-Valley project graduation committees are getting along well. They are working as a team for the good of the kids and the town. Hats off to Val!

2019 - Stephanie Fenske and Jeanette Matin, Co-presidents. There was no fundraiser held last year so they are looking to hold 3 this year. Craft fair will be in the spring. There was a Chipotle fundraiser and a spirit wear fundraiser which are complete and were successful. An Oct. 25th meeting was well-attended.

2020 - Barbara Rigoglioso, president. The first fundraiser is done. Spirit wear needs to go back into weekly newsletter.

2021 - No board yet. Maybe need to change culture to get parents more excited to do project graduation.

Spirit wear - Gail Rovere. Freshman orientation is Jan. 9th. Gail would like flyers to get out that spirit wear will be sold that evening. Mr. P says that should be ok. A spirit wear donation will be made to the tricky tray for one of the theme areas. Discussion was held about the spring sale. There has been no feedback on when students will be able to participate, if at all. They are

working on something with Alliance right now. Maybe students don't have the time. There will be a spring sale either way. There will be partnering with boys lacrosse on the lanyards. It was agreed that the spirit wear market is saturated. It is worth exploring how we calendar sales, making sales more staggered.

Beautification - NHS to volunteer to take part in winter beautification but nothing has been done. Hopefully kick it up for spring.

Varsity Jackets - Teresa Kelly and Monica Costanzo. Vendor is now Accent on Leather. Students go directly to store to be professionally measured and order a jackets directly from them.

Webmaster - Joe Butz. School fusion is gone and has migrated to Blackboard which will be used for announcements. Grades are still on On Course. Blackboard is more user friendly. Joe asked if Blackboard could be used for emails now instead of mail chimp. Could PTO have access through Blackboard? Maybe opt in for PTO newsletter. Mr. P will recommend this. Doreen asked if PTO dues could be paid through Community Pass. Not able to pay with credit card now, maybe because of fees? This is a digital world and reports could be generated. Or pay PTO dues through district website? Or PTO website? This will be looked into.

WSPA Representative - Teresa Kelly. Check WSPA website for upcoming events and seminars.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Monica sent an email to Pam Babich asking about due date to advise on how many scholarships PTO will be giving out (11 or 12), but she has not received a response as of yet.

#### NEW BUSINESS

There was a Healthy heart and wellness advisory meeting that the district nurses run. Ice cream and other snacks were discussed. Sodexo is auditing 3 schools but WV is not one of them. Communication will remain open about lunch policies and how the menus are made. The next PTO meeting will be Jan. 16, 2018.

#### ADJOURN

Happy holidays to everyone!

A motion was made by Anne to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Val. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25.