

WAYNE VALLEY PTO MEETING MINUTES

May 15, 2018

IN ATTENDANCE: Monica Costanzo, Stephanie Fenske, Valerie McGrath, Teresa Kelly, Gail Rovere, Maria Beilis, Deb Califf, Vicki Lefelar, Fran Cook, Jennie Franklyn, Jennifer Dellenba, Jill Spodek, Anne Garske, Eileen Domico, Mr. Kyle Kubiak, Mr. Palczewski

The meeting was called to order at 7:31pm.

There was a motion made by Fran Cook to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the January 16, 2018 meeting. It was seconded by Val McGrath. The minutes were approved.

President's Report: Monica thanked everyone for coming out this evening. She announced that the last meeting had to be canceled due to a conflict with a priority Council meeting. The March food drive did not take place because the food bank had enough donations. She told us the, once again, the PTO and the students under the guidance of Ms. Aimie are collaborating with the Spring Spirit Wear sale. The fashion show is scheduled for May 24th. Gail will talk more about this later. The fashion show for the 2018 Project Graduation was a great event with a fantastic job done by Anne Garske and her team. There were many volunteers from Hills and the Valley parents also volunteered at their Project Graduation event. Scholarships will be handed out on June 13th. Varsity jacket sales are doing quite well with our preferred vendor, Accent On Leather. The Teacher Appreciation Luncheon is scheduled for this Thursday. The Browse and Shop is filled with nice items so please consider stopping by to make a purchase. The hours of operation can be found on their website and, remember, proceeds go toward scholarships for the kids. A June meeting will be held as the Spring Spirit Wear sale has not taken place yet. Varsity jacket sales will continue until mid-June and monies will need to be allocated. The date and time of the next meeting are to be determined. From our Athletic Department, Mr. Drozjock reports that: the Boys Golf Team won the Big North Independence Division and the Big North Passaic County Championships! Steve DiPauolo (78) 4th, Jed Alcalde

(80) 5th, Zach Barr (82) and Spencer Peters (84) lead our Indians to victory! Congratulations to Passaic County Javelin Champion, Katie McGrath, who won with her best throw of the year at 111'11". Congratulations to Passaic County Champions Greg Poloso, who shattered his personal best with a throw of 192' to win the javelin and Darrian Soto who continues to dominate the hurdles by winning the 400 Intermediate Hurdles. Congratulations to Track and Field star Meghan Corso who is one of the top sprinters in NJ. Meghan came in 1st in the 100 meter dash and 1st in the 110 meter high hurdles in the Big North Independence Division Championship. Congratulations to Karli Nevard, Madie Phillips and Tommy Pellegrino for 100 goals in Lacrosse, Nicole Elliot for 300 saves in Lacrosse and Carla Goodwin for 100 hits in softball.

Vice-President's Report: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Val stated that jackets and spirit wear are still outstanding and the teacher appreciation lunch is one more big expense but the account currently rests at just above \$6000. She clarified that the PTO does get a percentage of the profits from Varsity Jackets.

Recording Secretary's Report: Teresa requested that everyone in attendance sign in.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.

Principal's Report: Mr. P said that this is a busy time of year and there is a lot on the calendar. First, he reported that the state made a change to the graduation requirements for the Class of 2020. English 10 and Algebra 1 must be taken and passed plus all required tests. They would like to have multiple pathways for graduation in case they are needed, therefore, making sitting for the PARCC test mandatory. This affects only about 10-15 kids that had opted out. The opting out was affecting our school ranking in US News and World Report and state/township were feeling the impact of that. WV was ranked as a Gold Star school in an initiative by the Anti-Defamation League. Students will be recognized on May 25th in NYC. The NHS trip to Boston leaves on Friday. There will be a blood drive on the 21st. The teacher appreciation luncheon is on the 17th. May 22-23, all Juniors

will take a standardized science test (PARCC-like). Save-A-Life tour is coming in on the 23rd. The school received a grant for this driving simulation. It will be shown to all grade levels. School fashion show is the 24th. Valley car show will be on the 30th. An Art Show will be held June 7th. The seniors will go to Dorney Park on the 6th. Prom is the 8th. Finals will be held on the 20th-22nd. These are all minimal days and make-ups will be held in the afternoons.

Teacher's Report: Mr. Kubiak thanked the PTO for having him at the meetings this year. He also thanked everyone for the upcoming luncheon. He informed us about a student/teacher quiz bowl that will be held on the 23rd during the last 4 periods of the school day. It is an academic competition set up like Jeopardy. He wishes all the kids good luck on their finals.

Committee Reports:

Board of Ed. Liaison – Doreen sent her report via email. She said students were honored for their music achievements. Wayne secondary schools will be members of Future Ready Schools. Wayne is one of 102 schools that will participate. This allows the district to identify areas of strengths and find indicators of improvement. Facilities and transportation committee is reviewing school bus regulations and policies. Only 4% out of 1400 students who were issued computers reported problems. Finalization of the district budget is in process. Several facilities initiatives are going on such as Phase II NGSS Labs (WHHS, WVHS), \$1,400,000 Randall Carter roof, photo lab modernization. A power point of the proposed budget is on the district website.

Overall Project Graduation – Valerie was happy to announce that there is a freshman board.

2018 – Anne said that the Fashion Show and Trick Tray were a success. She sent thanks out to everyone including but not limited to Ms. Grimbaldas, who was so helpful and Mr. Drozjock who was awesome. Anne says the kids will have a great event and they will be very surprised with the venue. They will receive a 5x7 photo and a video DVD yearbook. She wishes all the other boards much success.

2019 – Stephanie reported that the craft fair on March 25 was very successful and the bake sale and cafeteria sales went well. The Fashion Show will be on March 13 at The Venetian.

2020 – Nothing to report.

Spirit Wwear – Gail reported that the Fall sale was successful and there is some inventory to pass on. Ms. Aimie is having the Spring Sale and their fashion show will be live streamed. They will use technology for ordering and it will be done before school ends. There was a lovely marketing presentation done by the kids. This was a great joint venture between the kids, PTO, vendors and teachers. Mr. P says this type of project is great for certifications that require real-life experience or school enterprise. Gail mentioned that spirit wear sales went well in the cafeteria during back-to-school night.

Gail also commented on the Scholarships Committee. She gave kudos to Ms. Grimbalas who was very organized and very impressive through this tough process. Gail said she handled the logistics wonderfully. Gail will no longer be on this committee as she has a senior next year so a new chairperson is needed.

Varsity Jackets – Already discussed in earlier report.

Webmaster - Joe is not staying on and a new webmaster is needed.

WSPA Representative – Please check website www.wayne-spa.wayneschools.com for info.

Healthy Heart and Wellness Advisory Committee – Nothing to report.

Nominating Committee – Eileen Domico, president of the Wayne Council of PTOs, presented the slate of 2018-2019 officers. They are: Maria Beilis, president; Vicki Lefelar, vice president; Jennie Franklyn, treasurer; Maureen Machado, assistant treasurer; Deb Califf, corresponding secretary; Fran Cook and Jill Spodek, co-recording secretaries. They were declared installed except for Maureen who was not in attendance and will be inducted at the June meeting.

Old Business – Compliments went out to the custodial staff for their help throughout the year.

New Business – Jill Spodek is a member of Moms Demand Action, an anti gun violence campaign for promoting better legislation for gun control. June 1st is national wear orange day for this cause. Jill asked if this could be promoted a school and how to get this organization into WV? Mr. P suggested that she go through Dr. Toback's office because he felt this was more of a district choice or if a student wanted to start this as a club representation, there would need to be a faculty advisor, by-laws, constitution, etc. to get started. Jill will look into it further.

The date and time of the June PTO meeting is to be determined.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Maria Beilis and seconded by Vicki Lefelar. The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Kelly

Recording Secretary