

PTO Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2019

In Attendance:

PTO Board Members: President - Maria Beilis; Treasurer- Jennie Franklyn;
Corresponding Secretary- Deb Califf; Co-Recording Secretaries - Fran Cook & Jill Spodek,

School Administration: Mr. Palczewski, Principal; Mr. Kubiak, Faculty Rep

PTO Members: Julie McGraw, Rutui Thaker (student from Montclair State) Teresa Kelly, Mary LaSala, Valerie McGrath, Stephanie Fenske, Jennifer Dellerba, Ryan Sherry and Dureen Cappadona

Meeting was called to order by Maria Beilis at 7:34 PM.

Motion to waive the reading of last meeting's minutes was made by Jill Spodek and seconded by Jennifer Dellerba. Motion passed unanimously. Motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Julie McGraw and seconded by Dureen Cappadona. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Officer's Reports

a) Presidents' Report – Maria Beilis had nothing to report.

b) Vice Presidents' Report – Vicky Lefelar had nothing to report.

c) Treasurer's Report - Jennie Franklyn presented the current budget. The numbers for the Spring Spiritwear sale are skewed because we had to purchase samples for the fashion show, but the sale has not actually taken place yet. We expect to be able to make budget for the sale. The PTO ran the spring craft fair this past weekend and we raised just over \$5,000.00. We are over budget for the Dining Out line, however the Taste of Tuscany night out only raised approximately \$45. Taste of Tuscany graciously doubled the donation to \$95. We will do a better job communicating with the staff and parents in the future. Teacher appreciation luncheon is an expense line in the budget and is covered by the money that the PTO raises.

d) Recording Secretary's Report – Fran Cook and Jill Spodek – nothing to report.

e) Corresponding Secretary's Report – Deb Califf – nothing to report.

3. Principal's Report:

Mr. Palczewski reminded everyone about upcoming events: Spring Musical is April 6th, Spring Spiritwear Fashion Show is April 5th, and AP exams will be May 6th – 17th (students can have more than 1 exam in a day). The schedule can be viewed on the collegeboard website (www.collegeboard.org). New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (formally PARCC) testing will take place the Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday after Spring Break. (April 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th). Juniors are not required to take the state test as long as all their graduation requirements are met. They can reach out to their counselor if they have any questions. Students that are not taking the assessment will use a modified schedule.

4. Teacher's Report:

Mr. Kubiak wanted to clarify the Red for Ed. Teachers have been wearing red on Wednesday's and will be walking out of school at the end of the day on Wednesday March 27th to show their solidarity with the NJEA. This is to showing support for a couple of bills that are currently in the legislature. These bills deal

with union rights, privatization and Chapter 78, which is health care and pension contributions. This has nothing to do with any problems within the district.

5. Committee Chair Reports

a) Board of Ed Liaison – Doreen Velardi reported on the Board of Education meeting: There is a new Business Administrator – Mr. Moffitt.

Preliminary budget was presented, and the final budget is due by May 7, 2019.

Items to be included in the 2019-2020 budget are:

- Full Day Kindergarten by 2021-2022 (it's a 3 year plan) – In order for this to be accomplished the Preakness Library Annex needs to be moved and it will be designated as the Early Childhood Center, contingent on state aid and a 2% tax increase. The goal is to have students stay in their home schools. Some projects might be postponed for this to take effect.

- Block Scheduling is estimated to cost \$618,000 (includes lunch staff and additional staff

- HS Geometry, Biology and World History Textbooks

- 2 HS Science Classes

- Increase in security

There was a discussion about why the Block Scheduling was going to cost \$618,000. Mr. P stated that he believes that most of this is an upfront cost for tables, chairs equipment and renovations to the buildings. This will include turning WV's old training room into another Jasmine Café. It will offer a selection of lite fare items.

b) Craft Fair – Jennie Franklyn – we raised just over \$5,000.00. Jennie thanked ALL of the people that volunteered their time on Saturday and Sunday and also all those that donated items for the event. It would not have been a successful without everyone's help. The candy and chips that were leftover are being given

to the drama club for them to sell during the spring musical and the soda will be used for the staff appreciation luncheon.

c) Project Graduation Overall – Val McGrath – no report, Project Graduation 2019 - Stephanie Fenske – reported that the Fashion Show on March 13th was a huge success. There were 750 people in attendance and they raised \$40,000. They are now in the process of planning their Project Graduation Event. Stephanie thanked everyone that helped to make their event a great success. It was mentioned that all of the board members from the upcoming Project Graduation boards should be required to help out at the current years Fashion Show. It would benefit the current year board and also, the future boards could see what goes into the event. Val McGrath stated that the suggestion was going to be presented at the Council Meeting on March 28th. Project Graduation 2020 – Jennifer Dellerba – stated that their fashion show is booked at the Venetian for March 18th, 2020. They are working on a date for the December 2019 Craft Fair, it is tentatively scheduled for 12/15/19. Project Graduation 2021 – No Report. Project Graduation 2022 – No Report.

e) Restaurant Night – Maria Beilis – As reported earlier, we made budget for this line and will do a better job notifying the staff and students in the future.

f) Scholarships – Mary LaSala – We are all set. Scholarships will be given out the first week of May.

g) Spirit Wear – Maria Beilis– the spring spirit wear sale is a collaboration of the marketing classes, account classes and the PTO. Staff and students will be modeling the products at the fashion show on April 5th. All orders must be done online. Trying to work out the details of getting some or all of the products brought to the 8th grade Be Proud Program that will be taking place at WV on April 11th. This would make the products visible to our incoming 8th grade students. All orders will still need to be placed online.

h) Staff Appreciation – Maria Beilis – The staff appreciation luncheon will take place on May 2nd and will be catered by Sodexo. The PTO covers the cost of this luncheon for all staff.

l) WSPA – Teresa Kelly – Last month there was a terrific workshop covering Assistive Technology, Bullying and Accommodations vs. Modifications held by members of the Student Support Services team. Check out the website at www.wayneschools.com/wspa

6. Old Business – None

7. New Business – Nominating Committee has been formed. Julie McGraw will be the chairperson. Dureen Cappadona, Mary LaSala, Christine Morelli and Doreen Velardi will make of the rest of the committee. Forms will be going out shortly for anyone that is interested in being a member of the WV board for the 2019-2020 school year. The proposed slate will be announced at least 1 ½ weeks before the May PTO meeting and will be voted on at the May meeting.

Officer Zaccone will be retiring and will no long be the WV SRO officer. Ray Catonia will be taking over during the next few weeks.

There was a discussion about morning drop off and how the little busses seem to cause a lot of the problems in the morning. Mr. P said that he would look into that and have Officer Catonia see what could be done better.

8. Adjournment – Jill Spodek moved to adjourn the meeting and Mary LaSala seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.