

## PTO Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2019

In Attendance:

PTO Board Members: President - Maria Beilis; Vice President - Vicky Lefelar; Treasurer- Jennie Franklyn; Corresponding Secretary- Deb Califf; Co-Recording Secretaries - Fran Cook

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

PTO Members: Julie McGraw, Kimberly Gillchrist, Barbara Rigoglioso and Dureen Cappadona

Meeting was called to order by Maria Beilis at 7:35 PM.

Motion to waive the reading of last meeting's minutes was made by Barbara Rigoglioso and seconded by Vicki Lefelar. Motion passed unanimously. Motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Julie McGraw and seconded by Vicki Lefelar. Motion passed unanimously.

### 2. Officer's Reports

a) Presidents' Report – Maria Beilis had nothing to report. Just stated how fast the year seemed to past. She thanked the board for the collaborative effort this year. She also thanked Mr. Palczewski and Mr. Kubiak for their help this year.

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

c) Treasurer's Report - Jennie Franklyn presented the current budget. Stated that the budget is just about done. We are just waiting for another check for varsity jackets. Should have the check sometime next week. It will be minimal but still a check. We were over our income budget for the year and slightly under our expenses. We have about \$5,200 in our budget. We started the year with \$3,200, however by council rules we are only allowed to carry over \$2,000 to start the year so we will be allocating that excess money as well. We were able to give \$8,000 in PTO Scholarships. We gave 16 students each a \$500.00 scholarship.

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

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

3. Principal's Report: Mr. Palczewski mentioned that an email went out with regards to upcoming finals schedule. If the student is not scheduled to take a final they do not have to report to school. Mrs. Grimbilas sent out an email regarding a fundraiser being held at Wayne Hills on Saturday evening, June 15<sup>th</sup>. This fundraiser is for Henry Aulenbach the son of Anthony Wayne's Principal. The committee is looking for any one that can volunteer to help and all types of donations for the event. Mrs. Aulenbach has posted multiple times how the family has been embraced by the Wayne community.

Mr. Palczewski thanked the PTO for all they have done this year, and thanked Mr. Kubiak for all his help this year. Tuesday and Wednesday of next week (6/18 & 6/19) the students will be running through what a block schedule will look like for them next year. The teachers volunteers have already run through a sampling of what the block scheduling will look like.

Barbara Rigoglioso expressed her concern with regards to all of the seniors having lunch at the same time and trying to exit and re-enter school the school property at the same time. Mr. Palczewski stated that there will be a senior only lounge

on the second floor above where the school store is located. They will also be adding additional benches and bistro tables so that there will be ample seating for all students. He also mentioned that any seniors that take science will still be labbing out of the beginning or end of lunch periods, so that would cut down on the number of seniors leaving the building on any given day. He is anticipating that certain groups/clubs will eat together, as example the band students may go and hang out together in the band room or area. As for kids leaving as always there will be a crossing guard at the light at Valley Road, and the Wayne PD will be available as needed. We currently have about 125 seniors that leave the building at a time now.

Maria Beilis asked if there was the possibility of students labbing out more than one time in a week, the answer is yes that can absolutely happen especially if a student is taking more than 1 science class. Block scheduling allows for more lab time on any one day so that there is more time for experiments and other activities in the science lab. It also allows for more balanced class sizes during the labs. There is also the option to run more of the same types of classes (example-English) because there is no labbing out of any class other than lunch.

Deb Califf asked if kids that are taking 2 science classes could lab out of the beginning and end of lunch on the same days and the answer is no. If that does happen on their schedule they should contact guidance and let them know so they can correct it.

It was also mentioned that the email sign up form for incoming freshman needs to be sent to the 8<sup>th</sup> graders at AW and GW.

4. Teacher's Report: Mr. Kubiak thanked the PTO for everything we did this year and said that he was happy with the teacher participation but was going to work harder next year to get even more teachers to be paid PTO members.

#### 5. Committee Chair Reports

a) Board of Ed Liaison – Doreen Velardi was not present and there was no report.

b) Project Graduation Overall – Val McGrath – was not present and there was no report

c) Project Graduation 2019 - Stephanie Fenske – was not present and there was no report.

d) Project Graduation 2020 – Barbara Rigoglioso – was concerned that the incoming freshman classes are not aware that they have to pay PTO dues for 4 consecutive years to be eligible for the PTO Scholarships. Mrs. Beilis and others stated that that has been the rule of PTO Council for at least 10 years and is strictly enforced by PTO Council. It is also written on everything that is sent out with regards to PTO membership. Parents have until November 30<sup>th</sup> to pay their PTO dues and are notified in multiple ways. The 2020 Fashion Show is planned for March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Venetian in Garfield. They gave us a great price and it is the perfect venue. Project Graduation 2020 is planned and is going to be a great night for all.

e) Project Graduation 2021 – No one from the board was present and there was no report.

f) Project Graduation 2022 – there was no one from the board present and no report.

Barbara Rigoglioso asked Mr. Palczewski if it was possible to have the kids remain at school after the graduation ceremony like they do at Wayne Hills. He said that it was fine with him, however there was a lengthy discussion about all of the different scenarios with regards to the weather and the large number of chaperones/supervision that would be needed for the kids and there is also the reaction of the parent/family members not having any time for pictures and closure with their students after the ceremony. Project Graduation has been run in a similar way since Mr. P has been at Valley and there have been no issues.

g) Planners – Maria Beilis – we had ordered 250 planners this year and still have 74 left. We are going to try again next year and only order 150 but it will cost 25 cents more per planner. We do not want to lose the planners as a budget line item. The cover will be a different design this year that is more unisex. It is a Journey theme. They should arrive in August and we will start selling as soon as possible.

h) Scholarships – Mary LaSala – report given by Maria Beilis - Scholarships will be given out tomorrow night, June 12<sup>th</sup>, during a ceremony at Wayne Valley. As previously stated, the Wayne Valley PTO will be giving out 16 \$500.00 scholarships for a total of \$8,000. The Wayne Valley PTO board meet earlier this year and decided to change the criteria for winning the scholarships. Instead of all students with a 4.0 or higher GPA receiving them, the board decided that we would spread them out across different levels. That some students work really hard will never have a 4.0 GPA. So we set it up as follows: All recipients have to be paid PTO members for the 4 consecutive years of high school and then

6 scholarships were given to students with 4.0 or higher

4 scholarships were given to students with a GPA of 3.5 – 3.99

4 scholarships were given to students with a GPA of 3.0 – 3.49

2 scholarships were given to students with GPA of 2.5 – 2.99

There are other things that the scholarship board looks for as well, including after school job, volunteering and other activities.

l) WSPA – Teresa Kelly – was not present and had no report. If you are looking for information please visit the website at [www.wayneschools.com/wspa](http://www.wayneschools.com/wspa)

6. Old Business – None

7. New Business –

a) Nominating Committee chairperson, Julie McGraw swore in the new PTO board for the 2019-2020 school year.

President - Maria Beilis, Vice President – Vicki Lefelar, Treasurer Jennie Franklyn, Co Recording Secretaries – Fran Cook and Jill Spodek, and Corresponding Secretary - Deb Califf.

b) Excess fund allocation – we have about \$5,000 in excess funds to vote on from this year plus the \$3,000 from last year for a total of \$8,000. It was discussed and unanimously voted on that the funds will be allocated as follows:

\$2,000 stays in the account as startup funds.

\$1,000 goes into scholarship fund as voted on last year

\$2,000 additional from this year will go into the scholarship fund

\$3,000 will be used to purchase approximately 22 convertible benches for the school that will be placed outside the media center and in the courtyard. These benches will be able to be moved around as needed for other outside activities.

Mr. Palczewski also mentioned that the WEF donated \$5,000 for 15 benches that will be used for additional lunch seating.

Getting additional parking for our seniors was brought up and Mr. Palczewski stated that parking is going to become more challenging next year with a large class and additional staff. The student parking spots are requested on line in August and are 2 students per spot. Students can pick a partner or one will be assigned and the students have to work out the sharing of the parking space.

We will be having a 50/50 at Back to School Night again this year.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM

