

PTO Meeting Minutes

September 24, 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 and Jill Spodek

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

PTO Members: Valerie McGrath, Jody Smith, Denise Lynch, Mary LaSala, Silia Bailey, Kim DeMarco, Loretta Pogorelec, Debbie Williams, Lauren G

Meeting was called to order by Maria Beilis at 7:36 PM

Motion to waive the reading of the last meeting's minutes was made by Denise Lynch and seconded by Silia Bailey. Motion passed unanimously. Motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Mary LaSala and seconded by Loretta Pogorelec. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Officer's Reports

a) Presidents' Report – Maria Beilis welcomed everyone back and wished Mr. Palczewski a Happy Birthday. The PTO is off and running with the start of the school year.

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

c) Treasurer's Report - Jennie Franklyn presented the budget for the school year. Mentioned that the income predicted is considerably less than last year because we are not running the Craft Fair. We feel that the budget is reasonable and we should have no problem making our budget. The Scholarship line is less, however we do have money earmarked from last year that we will use toward

scholarships. If there are excess funds in the budget at the end of the year we will increase the amount of money going towards scholarships for the year.

Jill Spokek made a motion to accept the budget, it was seconded by Mary LaSala, vote taken and it passed unanimously.

PTO Membership is light so far this year with only 178 paid families and 4 paid staff. PTO dues are \$7.00 per family. Dues have to be paid all 4 years consecutively in order for a student to be eligible for PTO Scholarships at the end of senior year. You are not permitted to pay all 4 years at one time or “catch up” in senior year.

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

e) Corresponding Secretary’s Report – Deb Califf – passed around Thank You notes that we received from students that received scholarships at the end of last school year.

3. Principal’s Report: Mr. Palczewski – Thanked the PTO for purchasing benches for the Garden of Empathy. They are already getting a lot of use and are a huge hit.

Progress reports will be out on October 8th that puts us half way through the first marking period.

SAVE THE DATE – Wednesday, October 16th, the 10th and 11th graders will have the opportunity to take the PSATs at no cost to the student. There is no registration required. They should report to school at the normal time. The test will be given from 7:20 AM to approximately 11:30 AM. PSATs scores are used for National Merit Scholarships. The junior scores have an impact on the school ranking. Students are highly encouraged to take the test. The 9th and 12th graders will have a delayed schedule for that day.

4. Teacher's Report: Mr. Kubiak stated that block scheduling seems to be going well. He likes the longer class time. There is some concern about what will happen with snow days, but it will all work out.

Maria Beilis asked Mr. Palczewski about college admission counselors visiting the schools. It was brought to her attention that some colleges visit either Wayne Hill or Wayne Valley and the students at the opposite school are not permitted to go to the other school to meet with admissions counselors from a school they may be interested in. There was a WV student that had to reach out himself to schools admission counselor that was already scheduled to go to WH and he requested that he/she visit WV as well. Mr. Palczewski stated that it is not feasible to have students visiting other schools during the day. Students can request the guidance department to reach out to a specific school and request that the admissions counselor visit Wayne Valley, it should not be a problem especially if they are already visiting another school in the area.

Seniors are excused from classes to meet with admission counselors 10 times and juniors are allowed 3 excuses.

It was also asked if teachers are permitted to post homework on a day that the class does not meet and have it due then next day. Mr. Palczewski said teachers should not be doing that. It may have been a one-time thing as they are getting used to the new scheduling.

The Back to School Night schedule will be the students first day of school schedule. It will be periods 1-8 and there will be no lunch. You can find it on OnCourse.

5. Committee Chair Reports

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

b) BTSN 50/50 – Maria Beilis – tickets will be on sale through at least 5th period in the lobby outside the auditorium. It will be 15 tickets for \$10.

c) Jersey Mike's – Kelly Menzel was not present, but Maria reported that the fundraiser will be November 14th and the cards will be going home shortly. The sandwiches are \$3 each this year.

d) Membership – Maureen Machado was not presented but reported that we have 178 paid families and 4 paid staff members. We can accept payment until 11/30/19

e) Planners – Vicki Lefelar – reported that we purchase 150 planners and had currently sold 97, but need to check with the office to see how many more had been sold through them. Any planners that are remaining will be for sale at Back to School Night. The price is \$10.

f) Project Graduation Overall – Val McGrath – was present and reported that the 2023 board is coming together quickly, and that she will be on the board.

- Project Graduation 2020 – The fashion show is scheduled for March 18th at the Venetian and the Project Graduation event is planned.

- Project Graduation 2021 – Craft Fair is December 15th and they are currently trying to schedule a parent meeting. They are looking at the 2nd week of November. An email will be going out to the parents.

- Project Graduation 2022 – Denise Lynch reported that their first parent meeting will take place on October 17th at 7 PM in the cafeteria. They will be collecting dues which are \$180. They will also be looking for volunteers for the committees.

The commitment fees for juniors and seniors is \$200. Project Graduation committees will have tables set up in the cafeteria at BTSN.

g) Restaurant Day – Maria Beilis – We will be having a restaurant fundraiser at LaRosa Chicken on October 10th. They do not open until 11, so we will see how it goes. There will be a flyer going out with the details.

Only seniors can leave the building during lunch and there are 2 doors that they are supposed to be using to leave. If other grade level students are caught they will get a 3 hour Saturday Detention.

h) Spirit Wear – Vicki Lefelar reported that our online sale is going very well. As of today we have 84 orders with a total of \$6,100 in sales. The sale ends Saturday night at midnight and the items should be delivered to school in approximately 2 weeks. We have had a great response to the online sale and it is better because there is not out of pocket expense for the PTO and no excess items to try and sell.

i) Varsity Jackets – Maria Beilis reported that we will again be using Accent on Leather for our varsity jackets. When a student receives a varsity letter they also receive the information for Accent on Leather to order their jacket. After the order is placed the PTO receives a percentage of the sales.

j) WSPA – Teresa Kelly – was not present but reported that the SEPAG meeting dates have been set. They do ask you to RSVP to waynsepag2@gmail.com and you can request to be on their email list as well. The meeting dates are November 11th, January 14th, February 19th Tuesday April 14th and Tuesday May 5th. All meetings will take place at 9:30 AM in the Preakness Building, Room 1, except the January 14th meeting that will be held at 7:00 PM in the media center at Anthony Wayne

Jill Spodek asked Mr. Palczewski what was going on with the varsity soccer field. There was a team that refused to play on the field because they felt it was unsafe and the other day the varsity team was on the turf and the JV team stayed on the JV field with encompasses part of the dirt baseball field. Mr. Palczewski stated that Hackensack had refused to play on the field and that they should have been made to forfeit that game as we had the field inspected by an outside company and determined that the field is not unsafe. Of course improvements can always be made. He felt that the field was probably not being used due to scheduling, or to let it rest. There is always scheduling issues due to the amount of teams and fields that we have and of course we would want all of our fields to be pristine.

Denise Lynch asked about getting a fence installed around the parking lot directly across from the courtyard, with only two openings so that people cannot just walk into traffic from everywhere. It would allow for them to be directed to 2 areas to cross the road. It was also mentioned that there needs to be a stop sign at the corner behind the police station. It would be coming toward the school off of Nellis before you get to the area behind the courtyard parking lot.

6. Old Business – None

7. New Business – None

Motion was made by Denise Lynch and Mary LaSala to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.