



Wayne Valley PTO Meeting

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

7:30 PM

DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC, THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM!

In Attendance:

PTO Board Members: Co-Presidents – Jennie Franklyn and Jill Spodek; Treasurer – Maureen Machado; Corresponding Secretary – Deb Califf; Recording Secretary – Jessica Kroncke

School Administration: Mr. Palczewski - Principal, Mrs. Hampton – Teacher Liaison

PTO Members: Melony Heh, Teresa Kelly, Jill Lindsay, Jenn McCarthy, Valerie McGrath, Julie McGraw, Mary Anne Puentes, Juliette Sciavolino, Kathy Sigona, Christine Lambo MacDonald

Motion to waive the reading of the January meeting minutes was made by Teresa Kelly and seconded by Julie McGraw. Motion passed unanimously. Motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Jill Lindsay and seconded by Teresa Kelly. Motion passed unanimously.

1. Officer Reports

President's Report

Nothing specific to report

Vice President's Report

Nothing to report. Vicki Lefelar was absent for this meeting.

Treasurer's Report

On track with the budget. Meeting attendees were sent the budget spreadsheet.

Jennie wants to draw attention to the Varsity jackets. We have not taken in any money. Spring spirit wear sale shows no money in it and teacher appreciation we have \$1360 left to spend.

Recording Secretary's Report

Jessica Kroncke had nothing to report.

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Deb Califf had nothing to report.

2. Principal's Report – Mr. Palczewski

We are still going to school and moving forward is a good thing. Full day will start April 19th. The Junior Parking form has been sent out by Mr. Drozjock. Due to the pandemic, we are relieving the lunch issues and challenges with unit lunch. The Juniors will be able to leave and go across the street to eat lunch.

Spring recess is coming up, going fully virtual after spring recess is a rumor and he has not heard anything that the two weeks after spring break will be virtual.

If you go away for spring break you are expected to quarantine and that could be the reason why full day starts on April 19th.

Continuing with the rotations, Cohort C comes back first from spring break to finish the one day from the 4-day rotation before we left for spring break. We will release one month's schedule at a time; it has been quite challenging. We do not know exactly what a month or two months from now will look like.

We are planning for all of our events. We do not know what they will look like but we are meeting on these activities for weeks (junior formal, senior prom, all traditional events.) We do not know what the restrictions will look like. Hopefully the restrictions will loosen up.

Junior formal information could come out 1-2 days after coming back from spring break.

Numbers have been pulled, current virtual is 62% for Wayne Valley. We are almost 50/50 for the April 19th full day return. We are seeing some trends with more kids becoming hybrid.

Jill asked about AP Exams – will there be changing in schedules? Decision as a district, it will be a traditional exam in paper form. That will occur the first two weeks of May. College Board is allowing a student to select if they want to take it in paper or digitally. First two weeks is paper exam. College Board windows are May 3 – June 11. There is potential where we will have a lot of testing. College Board doesn't allow the students to choose the day, the school will choose the day for the exam to be taken.

Deb Califf asked when will the students that choose digitally know the day of their exam? First week we come back from spring break, the kids will get surveyed. It will be most likely be the second testing window. It should run May 18 – June 3rd or June 4th.

We might still have to do NJSLA testing. There is a waiver in with the state.

NJSLA Testing dates would be May 24-26 if the waiver gets denied. More to come.

Testing windows work from 8 AM – 12 PM or 12 PM – 4 PM. What we are planning to do is to use a large space (old gym, desks 6 feet apart). That doesn't displace the other classrooms.

To close, kids, staff and parents have been great. We are moving forward and want to end the school year strong.

3. Teacher's Report – Mrs. Talaya Hampton

A lot of the teachers are transitioning on lesson plans for when we return to a full day schedule.

4. Committee Reports

a. Membership – nothing to report. Membership is closed.

b. Board of Ed Liaison – Jill Lindsay

JANUARY 28TH - WAYNE BOE MEETING

Superintendent's Report:

- Dr. Toback and Mrs. Donna Reichman presented the Phase III update. Their presentation shared the updated COVID numbers and the staffing situation for the district.
- Return to in-person on February 16th.
- Document can be access on the BOE page ([Return to School Phase III Update 1 28 21 BOE Meeting.pdf \(wayneschools.com\)](#))
- Resolution for teacher to be recognized as frontline workers to obtain vaccine.
- Dr. Toback shared the difficulty finding substitutes to cover staff absences.

FEBRUARY 11TH - WAYNE BOE MEETING

Superintendent's Report:

- Dr. Toback reported that we are moving forward to open schools as planned on February 16th.
- He reported that the district completed a survey and found only 25% of the current subs were returning to work. The district conducted a campaign to solicit additional subs and a proposal to raise the rate for subs. They can determine the effectiveness of raising the rates at the next board meeting.
- Return to school plan presentation Phase IV presented highlighting the return to school full return (Feb 16th) on March 1st move to 5 days per week no virtual Wednesday
- Phase V will start full day with lunch serve and A/B cohorts remain.

FEBRUARY 25TH - WAYNE BOE MEETING

Superintendent's Report:

- Dr. Toback shared the district Teacher's of the Year. Wayne Valley's teacher of the year is Dorian Aimi and Educational Specialist is Barbara Bardi.

c. Project Graduation – Val McGrath

i. 2021- Kathy Sigona – The raffle was finished tonight.

Winners are:

Laptop – Pam Feriloa

Handbag – Alison Deroach

Diamond necklace – Miriam Chaux

Jennie will post the winners on the Project Graduation page on the Wayne Valley school site. \$12,661 was made with this raffle. Hopefully the class of 2021 is sitting in the right place for PG night.

Committee will meet again this week and go over the exact specifics for the event. Hopefully the event will be able to take place.

Juliette Sciavolino is on the subcommittee for the Fashion Show / Tricky Tray. To keep with traditions, the senior class has missed out on a number of traditions. We came to the conclusion we will not have the event at the Venetian as a fundraiser. Trying to work through and get an approval to have the fashion show at WV's football field. Separate the cohorts and the models walk down the football field. Spectators can be in the bleachers separated and maintain the social distancing. Waiting on approval from Mr. Palczewski and Mr. Drozjock. We have a tentative date set for Sunday, May 23rd. Rain date of June 6th.

Mr. Palczewski should have an answer by the end of the week if the school can hold this event. The use of the facilities is through the school and then it gets sent up to the BOE. Whose insurance is it under? PTO or School? Val McGrath thinks it would be under PTO insurance and a COI would need to be obtained from PTO Council for this event to take place.

ii. 2022- No report

iii. 2023- Val McGrath said there is nothing to report.

iv. 2024 – Mary Ann Puentes and Jill Cisneros are the co-chairs. They had their first meeting the beginning of February. They will likely meet the beginning of April to start planning.

d. Restaurant Nights – Jennie Franklyn/Jill Spodek

La Rosa – the fundraiser did not do well. The restaurant was generous and gave us \$100, even though the fundraiser only raised about \$55. The budget looks great. No additional restaurant fundraisers are planned for this year.

Jennie asked about the tents for lunch. Mr. Palczewski said the install will start this Thursday 3/25. It will be off the media center (inner courtyard). The garden of empathy is another area for a tent. The inner court yard where the picnic tables are with the two café's is the third area to have tents. More information will be sent after break. We will use two out of our three cafes for lunch. We have 58 tables across three lunch rooms but we have to keep the kids 6 feet apart so we cannot use all of the tables.

Student desks will be utilized as well. Chairs and tables will be in the tent areas and we will be utilizing science labs where some kids will be in lunch, some will be in lab.

e. Spirit Wear- Jennie Franklyn

Ms. Aimi (marketing teacher) for spring spirit wear is still moving ahead with the sale. It's a product of the marketing class who designs the spirit wear. Normally, the marketing class holds a fashion show at school and the students get to see the spirit wear. However, there will be a virtual event this year so the students can see the spirit wear. Then the PTO will work with Game Day to set up the sale. The proceeds of the sale go to the PTO.

f. WSPA – Teresa Kelly

Please join us for the next U.S. Department of Education STEM webinar:

Differing Abilities in STEM

March 25, 2021 2:00 - 3:30 PM ET

If you have any questions, please contact Dana Sir @ dsir@wayneschools.com

g. Varsity Jackets – Vicki Lefelar was not present. Deb Califf spoke.

The letter that goes out for the varsity jacket given to the students still suggests to go to Accent on Leather. Vicki did not have any other information than that to share.

h. Scholarships – Julie McGraw

Committee will form and decisions will be made. The committee is of community members, staff and administration. The committee decides the best fit for the kids.

Community Scholarships – students can only receive one (amount varies by scholarship). This event is usually done in person in the evening at school. Mr. Palczewski is optimistic that it will be in-person this year.

There are also academic senior awards. This is typically held during the day in the auditorium and parents of recognized students are invited. Award recipients would be recognized by department.

Jennie said that you will see scholarships on our budget and this year we are able to give out \$8000, 16 seniors will get \$500 each. The scholarships are given to different groups of students based on their GPA (4 for students with a GPA of 4/0 or higher, 4 for students with GPA of 3.5-3.9, 4 for students with a GPA of 3.0- 3.4, and 4 for students with a GPA of 2.9 – 3.0. This is where most of the fundraising dollars go. We will be passing some money over to the next year's class.

5. Old Business – no old business

6. New Business

- Nominating Committee- Fran Cook (Chair)

There is a form to complete to be considered for a Board position. If you want to be on the board, the deadline to submit the form is May 14th. If you have any questions, you can reach out to Fran.

- Senior Lawn Signs – the signs are on sale now
- Staff Appreciation – normally there is a big luncheon for the teachers in May. Due to the pandemic, Jennie and Jill asked Mr. Palczewski for staff preferences. He will talk to his admin staff for ideas.

7. Adjournment

Motion was made by Julie Mc Graw and Teresa Kelly to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.