



## Wayne Valley PTO Meeting

Wednesday, May 26, 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: Frank Cook, Melony Heh, Julie McGraw, Annie McKay, Lisa Lefler, Elizabeth Vastano

Motion to waive the reading of the March meeting minutes was made by Julie McGraw and seconded by Fran Cook. Motion passed unanimously. Motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Deb Califf and seconded by Annie McKay. Motion passed unanimously.

1. Call to Order
2. Officer Reports

### President's Report

Nothing to report officially from Jill.

Jennie said it was a busy month for staff appreciation month. We will put forth the new slate of officers for 2021-2022 and swear them in.

### Vice President's Report

Nothing to report.

### Treasurer's Report

Maureen said the budget does not include the amount paid out for scholarships. There should not be any more expenses or income. We roughly have a balance of \$6000. We did well this year.

### Recording Secretary's Report

Jessica Kroncke had nothing to report.

### Corresponding Secretary's Report

Deb said we got several thank you notes from the staff for what we provided for staff appreciation day. Deb read through the notes from the staff members.

#### 3. Principal's Report – Mr. Palczewski

Mr. Palczewski said we had the Junior Formal, 150 kids attended. It was well received. Senior Prom is next and happy to provide all of the memorable events. The Governor came out with the restrictions lifted for no masks, etc. This is exempting schools and the schools are still required to wear masks. Tickets for graduation are still 2 per family but hopefully the restrictions will get lifted and more family members can attend. Graduation is a 9:30 AM time. Looking forward to finishing out strong for this school year.

Jill asked since there are no final exams, how do the day's work. The schedule is on our Wayne Valley calendar on the website. The rotations will end on Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, Cohort A on Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup> with return of books, Cohort B on Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> with return of books. Then Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> are just for seniors to come in person.

Streaming graduation – will that happen? The streaming abilities at the stadium are a little bit of an issue but being worked on so other family members can watch at home since it is a 2 ticket per graduate limit.

#### 4. Teacher's Report – Mrs. Talaya Hampton

No report

#### 5. Committee Reports

##### a. Staff Appreciation – Jill Spodek/Jennie Franklyn

In normal years it is a big lunch for everyone to take part. This year we needed to get creative and each staff member got a gift card. The other PTO President at Wayne Hills works for Gift-o-gram and they have a website where you put in everyone's name and they can use it at over 100 different places and pick what they want. The company sends the email to each recipient. It was well received by the staff.

So, with a traditional lunch the support staff, janitors, etc. would be included. This year we gave gift cards to the support staff, janitors, etc. so everyone felt special. The budget reflects this. Special thanks to Mr. Palczewski's secretary Lucy – she helped so much.

##### b. Board of Ed Liaison – Jill Lindsay

There is no report prepared. Highlights of the BOE meetings included: getting the budget passed and the start of full day kindergarten for Fall 2021. The culture and diversity goal has also been a topic of conversation. A Thought Exchange on the Wayne Valley mascot was also surveyed to the Valley community and alumni. The idea of inclusion is very important and we want everyone to feel valued.

c. Project Graduation – Val McGrath

i. 2021 – Lisa Lefler: Final numbers are being tallied for the event. Everyone has been very busy but we have 200 kids signed up ready to go to have the event for the Class of 2021. Waiting on the guidance for the buses, we have 10 buses because of the social distancing. If that guidance changes, maybe some of the buses can be cut down and spend the money elsewhere. The rules for school and non-school are different for buses. Bus company should give guidance. Rule for school is 1 child per seat, so it comes to be 20 kids per bus.

ii. 2022 – No report

iii. 2023 – Jen Graf sent Deb Califf her report – On May 5<sup>th</sup> the class had a zoom parent meeting about PG, commitment letter, payment and how to communicate with the board via email. The meeting was posted to their Facebook page and email was provided for any parents who asked for it.

iv. 2024 – No report

d. Spirit Wear – Vicki Lefelar

Jennie reported that the past 2 years we had a spring spirit wear sale. The Marketing Class designed the spirit wear and a fashion show was done at school to show off the items along with marketing it to the other kids. Couple of years ago, the PTO got involved because the handling of the monies got difficult. So, the PTO took over the money process and any profit became the PTO's. Last year this got canceled. This year was a big mis understanding. The teacher was under the impression that their portion of it would end with the designing of the spirit wear and getting feedback. The rest was to be left to the PTO and too much time passed. Nobody went to Game Day and we thought the Marketing Class went to Game Day vice versa. This all got figured out last week so we cannot move forward with this since there isn't enough time. We will advise the new PTO President how to ensure to make this happen for next year.

Jennie is getting repeated emails from the planner company. We would sell the planners prior to the beginning of the school year. The last year this was done successfully was 2019. We sold enough to pay the bill and had a \$400 profit. We decided not to do them for 2020-2021 due to Covid. We will also leave planners out for 2021-2022.

e. WSPA – Teresa Kelly

SEPAG did not hold the meeting scheduled for May. Volunteers are being sought for various positions in SEPAG. Find more information on the Wayne Schools webpage under Family Links, SEPAG, or email waynesepag2@gmail.com.

Thrively for Classroom (thrivelyforclassroom.com) is hosting a free Webinar titled "Dare to Thrive: Redefining Disability" on May 27th at 6:30pm. "Empower your students to grow beyond their comfort zone. Stephen Wampler's inspirational story (Wampler's Ascent) shows the world that no matter what obstacles are put in your way, staying positive and continuing forward allows you to climb mountains no matter how disabled you might be." Go to website to register."

f. Varsity Jackets – Jennie Franklyn/Vicki Lefelar

No update for varsity jackets. The store is back open sometimes. The owner is still aware in agreement that we send parents to his store to purchase a varsity jacket. A check should be forthcoming to the PTO.

g. Scholarships – Julie McGraw

The process is done for this year. For every student who applies for both high schools they will be judged on their GPA, rigor of course of study, activities, character and leadership. Every student should be encouraged to apply. They are scored from 1-5 in each category and they are tallied. The committee makes sure that each student is fitting the criteria.

Community scholarship night is June 7<sup>th</sup>.

6. Old Business

No old business to report

7. New Business

Budget: How we allocate the new funds? We will have about \$6000 for the next school year. We will propose \$2000 on reserve for any expenses that come up during the summer. Anything left, council is encouraging to put in a fund to go against fundraising.

In June we will vote on the excess funds. In the past we have given "gifts to school". It will probably go to scholarships to go towards fundraising.

Slate of officers presented – Fran Cook

**Wayne Valley 2021-2022 Officers**

President: Jessica Kroncke

Co-Vice Presidents: Vicki Lefelar & Annie McKay

Treasurer: Maureen Machado

Asst. Treasurer: Ninfa Sykes

Recording Secretary: Elizabeth Vastano

Corresponding Secretary: Deb Califf

Motion to accept the slate of officers was made by Julie McGraw.

Fran Cook swore the new officers into their positions.

## Adjournment

Motion was made by Julie McGraw and Fran Cook to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.