



Wayne Valley PTO Meeting

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

7:00 PM

This meeting was held in person at Jill Spodek's residence.

In Person Attendance:

PTO Board Members: Co-Presidents – Jennie Franklyn and Jill Spodek; Vice President – Vicki Lefelar; Treasurer – Maureen Machado; Assistant Treasurer – Ninfa Sykes; Corresponding Secretary – Deb Califf; Recording Secretary – Jessica Kroncke

Via Zoom:

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

PTO Members: Anne McKay, Elizabeth Vastano, Valerie McGrath

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

Motion to waive the reading of the May meeting minutes was made by Jill Spodek and seconded by Vicki Lefelar. Motion passed unanimously. Motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Fran Cook and seconded by Ninfa Sykes. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Officer Reports

President's Report

There is no official report. Jill and Jennie just wanted to say thank you for all of the help this year and was happy to be part of the PTO Board serving as your Co-Presidents.

Vice President's Report

Vicki Lefelar had nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report

Maureen just wanted to say thank you for all of the mentorship she received from Jennie and Jill throughout all of the years that they have participated in the PTO together. We did well considering the circumstances in terms of the budget. Anything that needs to be deposited by June 30th can be given to Ninfa Sykes.

Recording Secretary's Report

Jessica Kroncke had nothing to report.

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Deb Califf had nothing to report. She is interested if anyone would like to be Co-Corresponding Secretary with her to learn the role.

3. Principal's Report – Mr. Palczewski

Mr. Palczewski said he is happy that all of the senior events are happening this year versus what happened last year. The administration is looking forward to graduation. He thanked the PTO for everything on behalf of the staff at Wayne Valley.

4. Teacher's Report – Mrs. Talaya Hampton

Mrs. Hampton said it was a smooth transition to merge all of the seniors from the two cohorts to being in person for school. The teachers are looking forward to the end of the year events. Jennie just added that any day in school is a great day, quote from her son.

5. Committee Reports

a. Board of Ed Liaison – Jill Lindsay

April 22nd – WAYNE BOE MEETING

Superintendent's Report:

- Dr. Toback shared the music honor winners for the district and thanked the administrators and teachers to support the programs. Also congratulated the students. The Wayne Valley students who participated in the NJ Arts Music Ensemble and Festival (Jacob Cho, Winston Lee, Daniel Leschinsky, Isabelle Mailman, Nicholas Mikhail, Joanna Saxon, Justin Sonnet, James Sun)

MAY 6TH - WAYNE BOE MEETING

Superintendent's Report:

- Dr. Toback shared the that Governor Murphy updated the protocols for Proms and other end of year events.
- Mrs. Reichman recognized the teachers and nurses for teacher appreciation week and shared a video with student from each of the schools in district sharing video thanks to teachers and nurses.
- Dr. Toback shared the Wayne Valley Valedictorian, James Jun and Salutatorian, Jeana Fermi.
- Final budget presentation to the board and public with an average tax levy of \$124 per year additional
- A VERY lengthy discussion of the budget by the board members ensued

- Final vote on the acceptance of the budget was conducted and it was passed five to four. Full Day Kindergarten to begin in September 2021

MAY 20TH - WAYNE BOE MEETING

Superintendent's Report:

- Ms. Reichman reported the following:
 - Congratulated and thanked the outgoing PTO presidents – Wayne Valley, Jill Spodek and Jennie Franklin
 - A recognition of Special Education week (second week of May)
 - School playgrounds will be open during school hours.

b. Project Graduation – Val McGrath

- i. 2021 – Kathy Sigona – event is all ready to go on the night of graduation, 6/22/21.
- ii. 2022 – Denise Lynch – raffle went good and winners have been announced and put in the weekly newsletter for all to see.
- iii. 2023 – Jen Graf & Michelle Duffy – nothing to report.
- iv. 2024 – Maryanne Puentes & Jill Cisneros – nothing to report.

Overall – Craft fairs can make a comeback (2 per year). Possibly one for PTO and the other for the Marching Band. More to be discussed with PG Promotions who we partner with for the craft fairs.

c. WSPA – Teresa Kelly

A Town Hall Meeting will be held to discuss bill S-3434 regarding receiving an extra year of Special Education due to interruptions caused by the pandemic. It will be held on June 9th at 7pm. Register at SPANadvocacy.org. Parents may contact SEPAG at waynesepag2@gmail.com and WSPA at specialparentsassociation@wayneschools.com. Have a wonderful summer!"

A flyer from SEPAG is below about the upcoming Town Hall Meeting as a reference.



- Does your child with disabilities turn 21 on or before June 30, 2021?
- Did they miss out on vital transition services due to the pandemic?
- Are they scheduled to graduate because they are “aging out”

S-3434 is on track to go to Governor Murphy for his signature in early June. It requires boards of education to provide special education and related services to certain students exceeding the age of eligibility for special education and related services. The bill recognizes that students with disabilities have had major interruptions in services caused by the pandemic.

Choose from two Town Hall dates:

Thursday June 3, 7 p.m. (Register here)

Wednesday June 9, 7 p.m. (Register here)

To learn more about S-3434, click here

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6. Old Business – There was no old business to discuss

7. New Business

- Slate of officers sworn in who were not present at last meeting – Fran Cook
 - Vicki Lefelar was sworn in since she was not at the May 26, 2021 meeting
- Excess Funds Allocation
 - We have 5281.91 in excess funds that will be reported to council. Council likes us to hold \$2K for anything that may come up. \$3281.91 will go against fundraising for the new school year. Motion to waive the excess funds was made by Fran Cook. Motion passed unanimously.
- Spiritwear – we will start the sale earlier in the summer since incoming freshman parents are already asking for it. We have tentative dates for freshman orientation and a returning student orientation to be at the end of August.

8. Adjournment

Motion was made by Deb Califf, Fran Cook and Valerie McGrath to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.