

Parent Educator Advisory Council

PEAC



Newtown, CT
2019-2020

PEAC GOALS



“To promote a partnership between educators and parents that will embrace core values, further a common language for all stakeholders, and support District priorities in the best interest of students.”

Dr. Lorrie Rodrigue, Superintendent

PEAC Sub-committees

Partnerships

Communications & Branding

Budget

Partnerships



Team Members:

Kelly Chok (Newtown parent)

Kimberly Hettenbach (Newtown parent)

Michelle Hiscavich (District Administrator)

Deborah Lubin (Newtown faculty)

Mary Murphy (Newtown parent)

Jenn Padilla (Newtown parent)

Goal of the Partnership Committee



Bring forward new ideas for partnerships to increase student, parent and community engagement.

These experiences between students and other members of the community will be driven by our district's core values.

Pilot Year

Partnership With the Senior Center

- **Hawley:** Mr. Poeltl's 4th Grade Class
- **Middle Gate:** Mrs. Regensburger's 2nd Grade Class
- **Reed:** Mrs. McMahon's 5th Grade Class
- **Middle School:** Ms. Dye's 7th Grade Class

Mr. Poeltl's 4th Grade Class



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<  The Women's Center of Greater Danbury
8 hrs · 🌐

9 year old Piper, from Newtown, chose the Women's Center for her community charity project. Please show this young philanthropist your support and let's help her reach her impressive goal of 1,000 items! If you can't donate, please feel free to share this event.


<https://facebook.com/events/595817461156915/?ti=icl>



SUN, DEC 8 AT 10 AM

Piper is collecting donations for Women's Center Greater Danbury

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Vision

- Regularly scheduled experiences with different groups of students
- Voice and Choice for both students and seniors
- Incorporating parents
- Establishing a pathway for future visits
- Seeking grant funding for transportation

Communication & Branding

Team members:

Janice Gabriel (Newtown faculty, NHS)

Monica Kwarcinski (Newtown parent)

Deborah Mailloux-Petersen (District Administrator)

Nadia Papalia (Language Arts Consultant, NMS)

Denise Strong (Newtown parent)

Laura Terry (Newtown parent)

Lynn Wasik (Newtown parent)

Kathleen Young (Newtown parent)

Goal of the Communication & Branding Committee

Provide communication to parents and community members that is

PROFESSIONAL

CONSISTENT

ACCESSIBLE



Already Accomplished



Reed

Intermediate School
3 Trades lane
Newtown, CT 06470
Phone: (203) 270 - 4880

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Contact Information

Administration/Office Staff/ Health Office

Principal	Christopher Geissler
Lead Teacher	John Sullivan
Administrative Assistant	Laura Altieri
Office Clerk	Cindy Aponte
Nurse	Trish McDonald

Kindergarten

Tanya LaBonia
Dori Parniawski
Ms. Alexa Calo
Melissa Massett



First Grade

Andrea Martinetto
Mrs. Leanne Connors
Chandra Salvatore
Caren Carlonato



Second Grade

Halle Knapek
Ms. Courtney Palochick
Bothany Phillips
Leslie Regensburger



Third Grade

Mrs Colleen Carriero
Mrs. Robyn Bologna
Claire DiSilato
Mrs. Shannon Pierce



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Contact Information & Staff Directory

Main Office	(203) 270-4880	
Attendance	(203) 270-4862	
Health Office	(203) 270-4883	
Counseling Office	(203) 270-4884	
Administration		
Principal	Mark Corroia, Ed.D.	203-270-4576
Assistant Principal	Jill Bonaiuto-Boudry	203-270-4680
Main Office		
Executive Secretary	Betty McFadden	203-270-4576
Office Secretary	Margaret Rocca	203-270-4880
Office Clerk	Josh Schmitz	203-270-4680
Office Clerk	Maria Dala	203-270-4680
Head Custodian	Darren Pierre	203-949-2637
Health Office		
School Nurse	Deidre Murphy	203-270-4663
School Nurse	Christine Winner	203-270-4883
Counseling Office		
Counseling Secretary	Mary Donnelly	203-270-4884
School Counselors	Jenny Grusias Amy McGoldrick Jan Weston	My Website My Website My Website
Support Staff		
Social Workers	Hope Bray Kimberly Heran	203-270-4255
Psychologists	Emily DeGrand Sarah Martin, Ph.D.	203-270-4893 203-270-4884 x6706 My Website

Grade 5 Teachers

Teaching Partnerships
Jacqueline McMahon
Richard Kluck

Content Area / Website

Reading/Language Arts
Math/Science
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Consistent information provided for each school



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Hawley School



Middle Gate Elementary



Sandy Hook Elementary



Head O'Meadow School



District Office

News

Welcome to our new website!

We hope you find the information within helpful and informative. Please note that the menu in the light blue bar at the top of this page provides quick access to frequently sought information and will be present on all of our school pages for your convenience. If labels are not showing at the top, please use the menu icon.

Announcements

Our next Board of Education Meeting is on December 17, 2019

[District Communications](#)

[New Student Registration](#)

[Pre-School Play Partners Information 2019-2020 \(PDF\)](#)

[District Calendar for 2019-2020 \(PDF\)](#)



Newtown Public Schools
Events Happening in our District

[Newtown Community Center Winter Programs 2020](#)

[Raymour & Flanigan Paint Night December 5th 2019](#)

[Edible Creations - December 8, 2019 Trinity Church](#)

[Newtown Youth Lacrosse Association 2019-20 Winter Clinics For Grades K-8](#)

[The Joy of Art and Yoga Nidra For Grades K-5](#)

Providing district communication from each landing page for ease of access.

In Progress

- Updating all contact information and teacher websites
- Instating a uniform signature for all faculty and staff email
 - Name
 - School
 - Content Area/Department
 - E-mail
 - School website url
 - School Phone Number/Ext (if applicable)

Future Focus



Creating a branding video highlighting the accomplishments of our students, educational programs, and extracurricular activities to show community members the positive impact of Newtown Public Schools

Budget Team:

Team members:

Jordana Bloom, Newtown parent

Michelle Y. Failla, (Newtown faculty and HE & PE Coordinator)

Chris Geissler, Middle Gate Elementary School Principal

Dr. Christianne Golesky, Newtown parent

Laura Poidomani, Newtown parent

Budget Committee Goals:

- To increase community engagement and awareness in the budget process.
- To increase voter turnout for the budget vote in April.



School Budget Vote

The **School Budget Vote** experience is designed to mirror the voting process for students in a meaningful way. Our goal is to garner enthusiasm across our school communities that will transfer and support our district budget priorities. Students will have VOICE and CHOICE then display their “I voted today sticker” to wear home.



Learning Intentions

- Students will participate in a real life vote on something related to their school's budget.
- Each school will customize an experience that is organic and meaningful to their school community.
- There will be a three week lead up for the vote with the presumption that there will be an increase in at home conversations around the vote.
- Students will mirror the experience of their families on the day of the district budget vote.
- School communities will learn and be aware of the civic voting opportunity for the students.

Social Media Presence

Committee Parents:

- Promote budget support through social media
- Use hashtags on voting day

Superintendent:

- Visual budget video



- Parent driven budget support messages through social media
- Visual budget video created to pair with district branding and messaging

Stakeholder Involvement

- Share budget with staff at the building level
- Administrators share school priorities with community
- SUPER Spotlight of student learning at board meetings



- Administrators share the school budget process with stakeholders
- Customized by building
- Committee collaboration with school PTAs



Student Budget Votes

- School-wide vote held in each school on the budget day
- Organic to school budgets and priorities

- Student voice and choice
- Whole school vote
- Budget connection
- I voted stickers for schools
- Customized by school
- 2-3 week lead up (April)

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Budget Committee Timeline

