

WALLINGFORD SYSTEM-WIDE PTAC MINUTES
MARCH 10, 2014 MEETING

Attendees:

Karen Cyr	Highland Parent
Greg Allen	Parker Farms/Cook Hill Parent
Adrienne Ferretti	Parker Farms/Cook Hill Teacher
Christine Lion	Dag Parent
Ronda Ranney	Dag Parent
Patti Ficorilli	Moran Parent
Tammy Raccio	Moran Parent President, System Wide
Susanne Jordan	Sheehan Parent Vice-Chair System Wide
Beth Raccio	Sheehan Parent
Jenni French	Sheehan Parent
Debra Strickland	Sheehan Parent
Cheryl Wolansky	Lyman Hall Parent
Sal Menzo	Superintendent
Michael Votto	Board of Ed

Meeting was called to order at 6pm.

Minutes from the prior meeting were discussed. Many items were carried over to be discussed at this meeting.

DATABASE UPDATE

There is now a career-center coordinator on site. There is a parent email that will be going out regarding job co-sharing. Database will contain parents who can help out with job sharing and mentoring students about certain careers. Timing about one month.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

A subcommittee has met once to discuss next year's calendar which is being reviewed since the ACES regional calendar was approved last week.

BUS SAFETY

While there are no plans to move forward with exterior cameras on buses to capture and ticket cards, M. Votto from BOE suggests members from System-wide committee present this idea to the Chief of Police not only for safety purposes but also as a revenue generator for the town. Dr. Menzo suggested revenue from tickets was evaluated and could be \$90-\$100K/annually. If anyone is interested in spearheading the initiative should contact Chair, Tammy Raccio.

SCHOOL AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Dr. Menzo is advocating for 2-4 parent reps from each school to work with the BOE to provide district educational information/tours of the school for families interested in moving into the district. Training would be required and then re-training 1-2 times/year. If parents are interested in helping out, contact Chair, Tammy Raccio. We currently provide district education packets to real estate offices including a DVD of what's happening in our school district.

HUBCAP (Hub of Captstone Project)

Tonight's meeting was help in this new facility. All materials for building out the space including the labor, materials and furniture was executed via donation by local businesses, including a piano and furniture. Currently there is a conference room that can seat 15-20 people. There is business space for start ups and space that can be rented out to local businesses. There is a plan for a coffee/café to be incorporated in the front where local high-school students can work at minimum wage. The space can also be an alternate social outlet for students. The Sheehan Art Show for students will be on display here 6/4.

School Updates as follows:

SHEEHAN:

Jenni French, Sheehan Chair, presented an idea to the committee for a town-wide initiative to fundraise in order to support technological advancement in the school system not currently supported by the budget. It was apparent at a recent review of the budget allocations that substantial funding is being allocated to non-essential classroom items. She took the initiative to invite several influential and well-connect "moms" to brainstorm ideas that ranged from a Wallingford Idol, to a Road Race. The response to the idea was very well received. There will need to be a sub-committee put together who can work on everything from establishing the proper bank account for fund raising, to finalizing events and surrounding details. Please contact Chair, Tammy Raccio.

DAG:

DAG is inviting students to their PTAC meetings. It's been well received and students are participating and asking for things they would like to see incorporated into the school. Administration is handling each request as needed.

LYMAN HALL:

Kim the Career Councilor has been on hand working with students. There have been questions regarding graduation date etc.

The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 4/08/14 at 6pm in the BOE building at 43 Hall Avenue. This meeting date has been changed due to April vacation.