



Parent Teacher Council Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2016

Present: All representatives except Westhill, Rippowam, Davenport, Hart, KT Murphy, Rogers, Roxbury, Springdale, Stillmeadow, Westover

- I. Welcome and introductions
- II. Stamford Public Schools Budget
 - Hugh Murphy, Executive Director of Finance gave highlights of budget. See handout.
 - 4.72% increase
 - Hearing on March 29th at 6:30pm at Westover
- III. David Mannis, Board of Education Member
 - Explained the budget process, from BOF to BOR to Mayor
 - Did not cut any staff
 - Added money to contingency fund for special ed and ELL
 - Reported that the Board is getting along
 - Still need more work on the capital budget
 - Tired of presenting a “sensible” budget. Students should get what they deserve.
 - Stamford will be first in state to pass a “pass the trash” policy.
- IV. Treasurer Report and Budget
 - Received more scholarship donations and dues
 - Missing scholarship from 3 schools
- V. Formation of and Donation to New School PTO
 - Current PTC Board will act as first Board, to create bylaws and obtain an EIN
 - New Board to be inducted before the summer
 - Lynn Rule made a motion to donate \$1000 and Carrie seconded. Motion passed unanimously
- VI. Camille Quattrocchi, Department Chairperson for Health & Physical Education
 - Presented health curriculum how it relates to nutrition. See handouts
 - Some discussion of suicide prevention
- VII. Cora Ragaini, RDN, Retail Dietitian- Grade A ShopRite
 - Located on W. Main Street
 - Gives tips in stores, Kids Days, health screening, individual counseling, product samplings and community outreach

- Open to field trips with student groups and scouts. Grocery tours
- VIII. Maxon Keating- Farm Coordinator
- Affiliated with Charter Oak Housing. Located on Stillwater Avenue
 - All organic farming
 - Volunteers can assist and then go home with fresh produce
 - Food is also give to shelters
 - Can do field trips, demonstrations, etc. See handouts
- IX. Scholarship Committee Update
- Have been distributed to high schools and is up on Naviance
 - Committee will discuss via conference call
- X. Health and Safety Committee
- Would like to re form a committee to deal with topics such as asking parents if guns are locked, limits on internet, video games, allergies, pets, etc.
 - Email will be sent to parents
- XI. Nominating Committee
- Slate to be presented in May and need 3 people, not from same school
 - Lynn, Chris, Danette, Carrie and Nora have been in their positions for 3 years, so cannot continue
 - Lori and Lynn volunteered to serve on committee
- XII. Stamford Public Education Foundation Award feedback
- Awards are on March 24th
 - Feedback was not to have event on Holy Thursday, application was too long, too many questions PTOs didn't feel comfortable or qualified to answer, some would like the option of educator including resume, didn't understand the difference between SPEF's and SPS's award, would like the nomination to be based more upon cooperation with PTOs and family/school partnership, also educator's community connection. Felt that ES teachers were more visible to PTOs, so unfair
- XIII. Other Business
- XIV. Adjournment

Next General meeting on May 18th at 7:30pm