



## **PTC Meeting Minutes 09-24-2015 General Meeting**

All representatives/delegates were in attendance except:  
Rippowam, Davenport, Toquam, Hart, Spingdale, and Stillmeadow

Regan Allan, PTC Co-President opened the meeting at 7:35 pm with restating the Parent Teacher Council mission statement.

### **Guest: Dr. Hamilton**

Regan Allan, prior to introducing Dr. Hamilton, shared the current status on our superintendent search. Dr. Hamilton will retire on January 1<sup>st</sup> of 2016 and the Board of Education is currently interviewing search firms to manage the search for an interim superintendent and a superintendent for SPS.

### **Dr. Hamilton**

1. Distributed the 2013-14 Annual Report to the Community  
Dr. Hamilton provided a brief overview of the Report's contents and summarized its purpose. SPS annual report is created every year and is distributed to the community at large (parents, SPS faculty and staff, local politicians and boards, business leaders, and realtors). As a new method of distribution the report was reprinted by StamfordPlus and included with September's issue. Report may be viewed/downloaded/printed at:  
<http://user-xhtcbfi.cld.bz/sps-annual-2013-2014final>

### 2. "Points of Pride"

Dr. Hamilton read from a prepared a document, which has been created as an update to the Board of Education. The document profiled many district and student accomplishments. In summary: The district has a lot to be proud of and these two documents are positive proof. Document may be viewed/downloaded/printed at:  
[http://www.stamfordpublicschools.org/sites/stamfordps/files/u326/05\\_pt\\_council.pdf](http://www.stamfordpublicschools.org/sites/stamfordps/files/u326/05_pt_council.pdf)

### **Dr. Fernandes**

Presented a brief report on SPS sports programs.  
Dr. Fernandes profiled numerous and student and coach achievements and awards.

### **Questions & Answer Period**

Dr. Hamilton fielded one question regarding SBAC Assessments and SPS student performance and scoring. Dr. Hamilton noted that this is a "transitional time" and process and procedures around assessments will be changing and evolving.

- In the coming weeks parents will be provided: "What Does the Test Mean" mailing
- This mailing is currently in development
- SBAC test will not be administered to high school juniors this year. All juniors will take the SAT instead



## **PTC Business**

### **Treasurers Report**

Condensed budget summary was presented and approved  
Reviewed school dues (due 11/1) and scholarship donation (due 12/1) requirements  
Announced coming Presidents and Treasurers meeting on 9/30  
Future topic for discussion: spending down PTC equity  
- Seeking ideas from PTC members on initiatives/offers to enrich our parent community

### **PTC Handbook Part (Part I and II)**

Copies of 2015-16 PTC Handbooks were distributed to all school delegates in attendance.  
Handbook may be referenced/downloaded/printed at:  
<http://www.stamfordptcouncil.org/downloads/2015-16%20handbook%20Part%20I.pdf>  
Regan Allan provided a brief overview of Parts I and II the 2015-16 PTC handbook

### **Candidate Forums**

Flyer may be referenced/downloaded/printed at:  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B\\_JAGuLP3GHoTXVfZFhiLUNiSTg/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B_JAGuLP3GHoTXVfZFhiLUNiSTg/view)  
PTC is hosting two candidate forums:

1. October 7<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm, Stamford JCC, Newfield Avenue
2. October 29<sup>th</sup>, Joint Forum, Government Center, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room  
Board of Finance, 6 pm  
Board of Education, 7:15 pm

There are 12 candidates seeking to fill the open seats on the Board of Education. There are 5 candidates seeking to fill the open seats on the Board of Finance. PTC is requesting community member to submit potential candidate questions. Please submit questions to: [chrishogue@yahoo.com](mailto:chrishogue@yahoo.com) or to [lynn.rule15@aol.com](mailto:lynn.rule15@aol.com)

## **Community Partnerships – Introductions**

### **1. Stamford Public Education Foundation (SPEF)**

#### **Matthew Quinones, CEO**

SPEF is a support mechanism for SPS. Mr. Quinones, the new CEO of SPEF, provided an overview of the support and funding that SPEF provides SPS. SPEF is interested hearing what PTOs have identified as areas of need within their school communities.  
His contact information is: [mquinones@spefct.org](mailto:mquinones@spefct.org)

### **2. The Center for Sexual Assault Crisis and Counseling and Education**

#### **Ivonne Zucco, Executive Director**

The center works with SPS and SPS students on age appropriate training, counseling and intervention strategies regarding sexual assault. Ms. Zucco is seeking opportunities to partner with PTOs to further educate our community on sexual assault. Resources and reference materials are available through the Center and the Center (Ms. Zucco) is willing to speak/present to parent or student groups. For more information, please contact the Center at: <http://www.thecenter-ct.org/contact-us.aspx>

Meeting concluded at 9:15 pm  
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Minutes Recorded and respectfully submitted by Nora Taylor, Recording Secretary