

**9/12/19 PT Council Meeting**  
**led by Michelle Lesser and Jennifer Saunders**

- Introductions of PTC Board
- Introduction of meeting attendees- name and school(s) represented, PTO role
- Special guests: Dr. Tamu Lucero, Superintendent of Schools, Andy George, President of the Board of Education, Nicola Tarzia
- District Staff at meeting: Olympia DellaFlor, Amy Beldotti, Deena Booker (office of family and community engagement)

**Upcoming events, updates, and needs:**

Annual BOE candidates forum

- Oct 10th 7pm, will have flyer to distribute- spread the word & come
- need: questions from parents

Possible Candidates Debate

- LOWV partnership- timing would be between Oct 10 - Nov 5 (Election Day)
- Needs:
  - seeking 1 or 2 parents to help/ be point- person, contact Jennifer
  - need venue

Vaping task force

- educational session for parents and older kids (middle up), open to public
- in Nov after election, likely at Tully Center
- want to have flyer ready for open school nights

Ears & representation

- need volunteers for BOE, BOR, and BOF meetings to be ears and representation
- committee meetings as well
- sign-up sheets distributed, will go online
- District staff: "your presence makes a huge difference. strategize for how attendance at meetings will be assigned. representation changes the feeling in the room."

Presidents Meeting

- 2 this year: 1 just elementary, 1 mid & high school
- great way to share ideas between schools

**Fundraising:**

Baseball tickets: yankee v tampa bay for June 6 game good seats  
selling this fall (holiday gift). will distribute to schools- tickets include soda, hot dog  
goal: sell at least 300 tickets

Idea of all-school fundraiser discussed- fundraiser for a common goal- what could that be?  
needs in middle & high different than elementary, volunteers tapped out later

- enrichment for district?
- busing for field trips?
- central grant-writing team- (suggestion: grantwatch, we can tap into free money)?

- social emotional development- tap into funding from corporate community to sponsor
- one idea for fundraiser- spirit of stamford- let's show what Stamford has

Other community events:

- SPEF day
- TOR social media speaker on Oct 29

### **Special guests Q & A:**

Dr. Lucero seeks to create a board of 23 members that will serve a finance committee with herself (representing every school)- monthly meeting (during budget season may be more than once)

Questions about changes to Healthy Food Choice -HFC-

Essentially there appear to be new rules going into effect that prohibit the sale of (non-healthy) food at any school-sponsored event, even after school hours. Uncertain exactly what the policy states, Tamu stated that she would review rules and policies and to see if it can be amended.

Tamu: "I will help you advocate but i want to encourage alternate fundraisers". also suggested taking the passion from meeting to BOF/ BOR meetings

There had been specific instances of money not going directly to student-centered activity, as the policy had stated. Affects all, but particular concerns from high school parents.

Needs:

Clarify the policy

Address parent frustrations and concerns (frustrations from parents about losing opportunity for food sales due to changing rules. parents feel tapped out, other ways to fundraise (girls running club)

Other suggestions

donors choose for teacher appreciation

Jennifer- thinking outside the box

New Business: small group breakout activity - what are our focuses- ran out of time