

PT Council Minutes 1/12/17

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Treasurer report and budget
 - Donation to Starfish foundation in memory of mayor's wife
 - Payment for Stamford Advocate advertising
 - Outstanding dues and taxes (will make each PT council aware if owe)
 - Treasurer's meeting postponed
- III. Matt Quinones: CEO of SPEF (Stamford Public Education Foundation)
 - Programs include mentoring, college readiness, tutoring, parent advocacy, PLTI/parent advocacy, kindergarten readiness.
 - Excellence in Education award (fundraising event for SPEF) recognizes educators nominated by their schools. SPEF looking for nominations from each PTO. Application can be found at https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B_JAGuLP3GHoT05sWjJvb2EtQmM/view deadline is Feb. 3. Event will be held on March 23 at the Sheraton Hotel in Stamford.
- IV. Catalina Samper-Horak: Executive Director of Neighbors Link, Stamford
 - Name change as of 1/27/17 will be called "One Community" – organization is 5 ½ years old - began in June 2011 with one employee and \$250,000. Today, the organization employs 18 and has 1.5 million.
 - The organization serves low income immigrants primarily of Hispanic origin as a community center. The center addresses their needs, helps them to understand the system, builds trust, works with the public school system and parents.
 - The center can provide Cultural Sensitivity training to PTOs.
 - Fundraising documentary movie premier at Avon Theatre 1/14/17
- V. Kate & Laura Tobin: PT Council – Maureen Tobin Scholarship Nominating Committee
 - Daughter gave description of her mom's life of volunteerism to Stamford Public schools prior to her death – "no task too small"
 - Looking for people to volunteer on the scholarship committee
- VI. State budget cut to education
 - All schools will face state budget cuts
 - Stamford's state funding has been cut by \$250,000 – cuts less severe than other schools because of our "distressed" designation
 - Amount will be made up by not filling an open data analyst position and left over grant monies.
- VII. HFC follow-up
 - Reach out to PT council for any issues
 - Principal has to sign off. PT councils have to submit paperwork to Hugh Murphy from Central Office.
- VIII. Scam Email
 - Beware of email scam targeting PT councils to set up bank transfers.
- IX. Other business
 - PLTI program recruiting candidates

- Yankee game fundraising opportunity: Flyer to be sent to PT councils.
Date of game against Orioles is April 30 at 1:00. PT council can purchase tickets on the main level for \$27.50. The suggested selling price is \$40.00. Grand Stand ticket prices can be purchased for \$17.50. The suggested selling price is \$20.
- Next Thursday is the President's meeting hosted by PT Council

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PT Council of Stamford Meeting 3/16/17

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Treasurer Report and Budget – requesting copy of taxes, important in maintaining non-for profit status, can be fined if not provided
- III. Insurance – need to provide requested information to PT council’s current insurance provider as policy is being revised
 - Email sent previously with request for information
 - Requesting projected income from PTOs for this school year
- IV. Chartwells: Presentation and School Lunch and Nutrition
 - Some schools now providing supper related to an afterschool activity (i.e., associated with afterschool enrichment not ROSCCO) (free to all students involved) (Dolan, TOR, Cloonan, KT Murphy, Rippowam, Stamford and Westhill) If interested in a program in your school reach out to Chartwells.
 - Discussed food groupings – string cheese can replace a grain
 - Potential to donate unused fruit to a food bank
 - USDA Review - will be at 4 schools reviewing for compliance
 - Nutrition and Wellness program – a registered Dietician visits schools for educational purposes – “Put Your Best Fork Forward”
 - March is Nutrition month
 - Mandated nutrition programs - 2010 healthy hunger-free kids act revamped all school nutrition. Programs include Healthy Food Certification and Smart snacks. Fundraising within the new guidelines also discussed.
 - Nutrislice – can be found on district website. Describes meals served and their nutritional content.
 - Can reach out to Chartwells if your child has specific nutritional needs or allergies.
 - Carb counting available on nutrislice for diabetics

- V. Emily Provonsha: Stamford Street Smart (CERT Team) and Stamford Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Progress
- discontinuation of “Safe routes to School” initiative/mayor wants to look into continuing in some way
 - CERT – Stamford Street Smart – uses various events to educate kids ages 8-13 on street safety. Next event April 7th “Walk to Work day” also a national initiative – hub at Stamford Train station is one area
 - Bike and Pedestrian review – need publics’ input. There will be 2 public hearings as well as an online survey for input.
 - Review of new accessibility network of bike lanes.
 - Audience offered their various concerns, one being the timing of lights and pedestrian walk signals and recent death of a Stamford High school student crossing the street. Emily encouraged that individuals reach out to her with their concerns Ext. 4124
- VI. Nominating committee
- positions available: treasurer, corresponding secretary, 2 vice presidents (1st and 2nd)
- VII. Scholarship Update
- Committee in place
 - Application posted on Naviance until April 21st
- VIII. Other Business
- Dept. of Recreation and PTO’s to discuss collaboration of enrichment programming
 - next week SPEF Dinner
 - Yankee ticket orders

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PT Council Minutes 5/18/17

I. Welcome and introductions

II. Caroline Ward: Ferguson Library

- Summer reading programs discussed to prevent summer reading slide of gains made during the academic year.
- Every student will be going home with summer reading information and activities for each grade level. Additionally, students can log their minutes reading books to earn prizes through the library's summer reading program.
- Book mobile will be available 3 days a week/locations available on library website.
- Library flyer will provide info on branch activities (no longer going home with students in paper form).
- Volunteer opportunities available for teens at library - application needs to be completed/ limited spots available.
- Summer reading list being finalized. Hard copies of the entire list will be available at the library. Reading list per grade will be provided as well.

III. Scott Kassouf: Stamford Recreation Dept.

- Discussed various programs offered through the dept. including afterschool activities and summer camps.
- After school science program offered at Roxbury and Toquam.
- Scholarships available to students.
- Can contact their dept for programming ideas.

IV. Treasurer report and budget

- \$5500 will be paid out in June for scholarships.

- Outstanding dues for insurance discussed.

V. Insurance -

- PT council dues will be going up about \$500 to cover cost of an umbrella policy that covers the districts PTO coverage.

VI. Scholarship committee

- Winners chosen recently and will be receiving scholarship monies:
 - Shannon Guerra - AITE
 - Emily Magyari - SHS
 - Vivek James - WHS
 - Nicole Matura - SHS
 - Joshua Mensah - WHS
 - Andrea Vega - WHS
- Committee members discussed how rewarding the process was and the extraordinary accomplishments of all applicants.

VII. Nominating committee

- Nominating committee slate distributed.
- Need volunteers to fill positions of co-treasurer and recording secretary.

VIII. HFC

- Discussed how process to receive monies from BOE agreement went among schools. Suggestions made to improve process for next year.
- There will be another request in the fall for information from PT Council so that PTO's should be preparing their budgets.

IX. Preparations for Fall

- PTOs should be getting their budgets ready for the next school year.

X. Other

- SPEF event at Sign of the Whale 6/7/17- Paint Sip and Support
- Tough Mudder event also an upcoming event for SPEF

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