



Parent Teacher Council Meeting Agenda November 12, 2020

Topics for Discussion:

1. Treasurer's report - (Jeff Herz)
 1. dues cover insurance, scholarship
 2. all expenses are inline currently
 3. once all dues are in, we should be in a good place
 1. collect documentation from individual PTO's (tax forms). updated what info/ forms are outstanding/ complete: These schools owe Dues & Scholarship - Dolan, Newfield, Northeast, Springdale, Westover
2. Bylaws Committee Report (Regan Allen, committee head)
 1. PT council signed onto Stamford Stands Against Racism- confirming that bylaws promote inclusiveness
 2. new set of bylaws will be presented in Dec and voted on in Jan
 3. parents who would like to be part of a new resource- Technology Volunteers: Calling on all community members who are interested in helping Stamford Public Schools' parents with technology support! Form is XXX/ to register XXX
 4. SPEF- We will be doing virtual PLTI in January. Look for flyer that will be coming out.
 5. SPEF will be launching program called "here to help"- a hotline, for parents needing support for resources like childcare, transportation, will be in English and Spanish

Speakers:













































1. Amy H. Famiglietti, FUNDrive - 860-798-2065
afamiglietti@savers.com (info disseminated on FB page and in newsletter): no-cost fundraising opportunity for school. cleaning out closets of gently used clothes and textiles and collected. is a virtual fundraiser, no contact. Goods delivered to Brookfield or Orange, CT.
2. Hybrid/DLTA Panel: Livestreaming
 - Amy Beldotti, Associate Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, SPS
 - Topic: Live streaming: why we didn't start with live streaming initially- we knew not every student would have a device/ wifi by the beginning of the year














































- o we wanted to see how hybrid would work, and how small group instruction meant that there are less distraction and can move faster
 - o practical challenges of live streaming
 - o teachers will receive training and tools for live-streaming but they are not expected to livestream everything. Each school will operate with own plan. It will not be mandated, but it is being offered. An additional tool in the teacher's toolkit.
- Frank Rodriguez, Principal, Strawberry Hill- pros/ cons of livestreaming. Pros: More interaction, enjoyment, notion of perceived connectivity. Cons: slows down hands-on activities. It may take away from small group instruction and in-person activities. Being focused is a priority in the classroom currently. Best use of livestreaming will vary depending on school/ grade level of student. In elementary, we think the best use of live-streaming is for reviewing at the end of the unit (like a Cahoot). HS and MS may have different priorities.
- Matthew Laskowski, Principal, Rippowam Middle School
 - o survey results (more details in recording), students felt that when teachers were streaming, their in-person days were detracted from when teachers were focusing on video.
 - o how will it be used differently depending on subject matter?
 - o what are the best ways to implement live-streaming?
 - o what resources do teachers need?
- Tina Rivera, Principal, AITE
 - o variations in learning, variations in access
 - o similar issues to ES and MS
 - o with time, students have adapted
 - o livestream can mean different things (pre-recorded lessons, sharing a screen, etc)
 - o successful in-person instruction does not always translate to successful remote instruction
 - o for at-home days, imptce of routines



























































































Parent Q & A-

- Q: is there a plan should there be a need to go fully-remote?
 - Admin is working on a plan, but for now COVID management protocol is being followed and is effective. No breakouts have happened through in-school transmission
- Q: HS students being at-home for quarantine period- what is the plan for live instruction?
 - livestreaming will help

Meeting attendees:

-  Marni Amsellem- AITE, TOR (me)  
-  Michelle Lesser AITE... (Host)  
-  Regan Allan  
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-  Amy Beldotti  
-  Amy Calicchio- PTC - Strawberr...  
-  Amy Famiglietti - Savers FUNDr...  
-  Amy Notter - Hart Co-president  
-  Andrew Park - Strawberry Hill  
-  Anne Flounders TOR  
-  bchurchill-joell  
-  Beth Brucker Cloonan MS  
-  Bob  
-  Brenda  

-  NIKITA JOHNSON RIS  
-  paula thompson  
-  Rachel Hager - Strawberry Hill  
-  Ramya Shaw -Hart Magnet  
-  Rebecca Levin- Westover Magnet  
-  Sandra Carlton  
-  SILVIA Stein TOR PTO  
-  Steph O'Shea SHS  
-  Sue Yellen (WHS)  
-  Susan Ylitalo  
-  Tami Raymer  
-  Tara Shapiro- WHS  
-  Tina Rivera  
-  Tissi Mendes Parent SH  
-  Yolande Ford, Stark DTLA, 1st g...  

 Leigh Morfoot, Rogers Internati...  	 Carmela Kappler  
 Linda Briceno-Ziegler  	 Carolyn Murray - Strawberry Hil...  
 Lindsay Bistis, Strawberry Hill p...  	 Carolyne (dolan middle  
 LO  	 Cathy Saint Louis  
 Lorraine Masone WHS parent  	 Charmaine  
 Lynn Tusa, Stamford High  	 Cheryl Devault-AITE  
 M Wheeler  	 Cynthia Mistretta-Strawberry Hill  
 Maria Saravia  	 d  
 Maritza Benhiudiath  	 D Taylor  
 Mark Bonasera - Roxbury  	 Ed  
 Matthew Laskowski  	 Elyssa Walker  
 Melissa Friedman - WHS  	 Esmeralda Joya from Strawberr...  
 Melissa White - Strawberry Hill  	 Frank Rodriguez, Principal Stra...  
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 Nancy Kelley - Strawberry Hill  	 hargueta@spefct.org  

Chat saved from Zoom:

19:32:57 From Maria Saravia : Parent of 4th grader at Rogers International.
 19:35:15 From Esmeralda Joya : parent of 3rd grader Distance Learning at Strawberry Hill
 19:35:54 From Maria Saravia : Maria Saravia, my daughter Sophia is distance learning as well.
 19:36:24 From Teodora's Phone : I'm a parent to three kids hybrid one at scofield 7th and twins 4th stillmeadow!
 19:39:40 From Yolande Ford, Stark DTLA, 1st grader : what did Stark need? I missed it
 19:41:05 From NIKITA JOHNSON RIS : Nikita Johnson, my daughter Madison is 100 percent distance learner from RIS.

19:42:07 From Regan Allan : Regan Allan, regana@optonline.net
19:42:57 From Jeffrey Bartholomew Simpson Herz - PTC, SHS, RIPP : These schools owe Dues & Scholarship - Dolan, Newfield, Northeast, Springdale, Westover
19:43:59 From Jennifer Forman - PTC Co-President : Tech Volunteers Sign- Up Form

Share this form, thanks for your collaboration.

<https://forms.gle/RVW1y8wo7A5kdvxb7>

Calling on all community members who are interested in helping Stamford Public Schools' parents with technology support! We need you! Volunteers are needed to provide one-on-one support to parents with the various technology our district is using. Volunteers will be trained by SPS staff virtually or in-person in platforms such as ParentPortal, Google Classroom, Edgenuity, Lexia Core 5, Symphony Math, and more. Once trained, volunteers will be available to help individual parents at schools, community centers, churches, neighborhoods, etc., virtually, in-person, or via phone, whatever their comfort level. Not a tech expert? Don't worry; SPS staff will train you. All we're asking is for people who want to help and have some time to give. Please fill out the survey below and we will be in contact with you. Thank you.

19:44:22 From Jeffrey Bartholomew Simpson Herz - PTC, SHS, RIPP : These schools still owe Tax Returns (due to the IRS 11/15) - Cloonan, Davenport, Dolan, FOSH, Newfield, Northeast, Rippowam, Rogers, Roxbury, Scofield, Springdale, Stark, Strawberry Hill, Westover

19:44:56 From Jeffrey Bartholomew Simpson Herz - PTC, SHS, RIPP : Davenport, Scofield and Stillmeadow please send me an electronic copy of your bylaws or let me know if they are under review

19:45:52 From Jennifer Forman - PTC Co-President : jbsaund1@yahoo.com

19:55:56 From Charmaine : Hi! Someone messaged me saying they've been waiting to be let in...

19:56:27 From Jeffrey Bartholomew Simpson Herz - PTC, SHS, RIPP : Letting them in now

19:56:36 From Charmaine : thx!!

19:58:41 From Amy Famiglietti - Savers FUNDrive : Amy Famiglietti afamiglietti@savers.com 860-798-2065 Savers FUNDrive Thanks for your interest!

20:18:37 From Amy Notter - Hart Co-president : Are you going to be taking questions?

20:19:23 From Amy Beldotti : We are happy to take questions.

20:22:46 From Tara Shapiro- WHS : Slightly off topic- can we cover what the plan is if we end up full distance? Will the hybrid students have teaching 5 days a week?

20:28:02 From Melissa Friedman - WHS : At the high school level specifically, when students were out on quarantine they missed two weeks of classes, assessments included. Upon return they missed more learning time to make up the assessments. There needs to be a way to avoid this as the quarantine numbers rise. Similarly, those who act responsibly by staying home when not feeling 100% are missing a big piece of live education. Have these concerns been addressed?

20:29:21 From Jacqueline Latif-Scully, Stark : I would like to hear data points about distance learning students. Every forum, meeting Q&A focuses primarily on the hybrid model. What is being done for our distance learners?

20:30:54 From mitch cabot/ strawberry hill : i think the learning part is going really well. from a social standpoint, it would be nice for the kids to be able to socialize with their classmates online 1x/week, with or without their teacher.

20:31:00 From Jacqueline Latif-Scully, Stark : Additionally, what is the plan if there is an increase of families requesting distance learning vs hybrid? If we don't have enough teachers for hybrid, how will we support an increase of distance learning students?

20:36:49 From NIKITA JOHNSON RIS : Hi parent from RIS 100% distance learner my daughter miss social interaction. Mitch, I agree it would be from a social standpoint for the students to chat online once a week. I'd be interested in working together to kick this off or bring up to the RIS PTO.

20:39:24 From Leigh Morfoot, Rogers International School : Mitch & Nikita: I'm co-president of the RIS PTO and DLTA Class mom for RIS 4th grade. I initiated a standing Zoom time for the 4th grade DLTA kids every day at 3:30. SO great for the kids! Email me and I can help get your class mom on it. leigh@kinobserver.com

20:41:38 From NIKITA JOHNSON RIS : Hi Leigh, this sounds great! I will email you tomorrow at the latest. thanks