

Danbury City-Wide PTO Council  
Meeting Minutes (Proposed)  
Monday, March 5, 2018  
6:30 PM  
Administrative Center, 63 Beaver Brook Road

Attendance: Lynne Hamilton-Lukasik (C-W Co-President/DHS), Janet Hamilton (C-W Treasurer/DHS), Rachel Chaleski (AIS-BOE), Sal Pascarella (Superintendent DPS), Jennifer Benson (BMS), Kathleen Hock Kennedy (King Street), Chrissy Maruffi (Pembroke), Lisa Ruffles (King Street), Paul Salvatore (WSMA), Victoria Ceylan (Stadley Rough), Farley Santos (BOE), Pattianne Nordt (Pembroke), Dawn DaSilva (Park Avenue), Joan Strauss (King St), Tim Maroney (King St), Scott Keating (Great Plain), Tim Seibert (King Street), Vincent Daniello (LT Danbury PD), Patrick Ridenhour (Chief Danbury PD)

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Lynne and began at 6:35pm.

Welcome, Introductions and Updates

- Lynne welcomed attendees, conducted intros
- The Secretary position for the City-Wide PTO is still open; Lynne Hamilton-Lukasik will take minutes.

Guest Speakers

- Patrick Ridenhour, Danbury Chief of Police and Vincent Daniello, Lieutenant Danbury Police
  - Best practice plan for School Safety and Security to be reviewed to set a standard plan across all schools. Working with Chief for additional safeguards at school. Use of School Resource Officers (SRO) and/or Safety Advocates at the schools.
  - Contact Dr Sal for officers at after school functions. May want to consider School Advocate instead who would be less expensive. Whenever there is any incident after school hours, police are to be called.
  - Social Workers at all schools for students who are concerned. Anne Mead has family resource programs to help parents regarding safety and security.
- Lynne Hamilton, KidStuff Coupon Book
  - Going digital next year so 'fire sale' of \$15 vs \$25 this year. 50% goes to schools.
- Contact Anne Mead if interested in signing up for a table at the Danbury Resource Fair.

Approval of February Minutes

- Motion made and seconded to approve the February minutes. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report

- The current balance is \$817.24.
- Motion made and seconded to approve Treasurer's report.

### Superintendent's Report

- April 12 is Danbury day in Hartford to meet with legislators, all are invited.
- PTO meeting in Freshman Academy with tour.

### Updates from School Representatives

- Pembroke: Butterbraids fundraiser is done. Declining participation and fundraising.
- Park Avenue: \$30 per classroom for indoor recess games. Mathethon being planned. Community fair for parents at next PTO (fire dept, library, parks & rec, etc)
- Broadview: Received habitat grant to build gardens at school.
- King Street: APEX, Yankee Candle, Ice Cream Social, Book Fair.
- DHS: Parent to Parent for incoming parents.
- AIS: Added after school activities.
- Westside: Amazon Smile about 5%. Clothing drive.
- Great Plain: No news
- Stadley Rough: Readathon fundraiser.

### Next Meetings (All meetings are open to the public)

- Board of Education Meetings: May 23, June 13, June 27 at 7pm
- City-Wide PTO: May 14, June 4 at 6:30pm

### Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lynne Hamilton-Lukasik  
City-Wide PTO Co-President