

Danbury City-Wide PTO Council
Meeting Minutes (Proposed)
Monday, January 7, 2019
6:30 PM
Danbury High School Black Box Theater

Attendance: Lynne Hamilton-Lukasik (Co-President/DHS), Richard Matzinger (Co-President/DHS), Janet Hamilton (Treasurer/DHS), Rachel Chaleski (AIS-BOE), Sal Pascarella (Superintendent DPS), Chrissy Maruffi (Pembroke), Kevin Walston (Ass't Superintendent DPS), Victoria Ceylan (Stadley Rough), Kathy Snow (WMSA), Lisa Ruffles (King Street), Paul Salvatore (Westside), Grace Castricone (DHS), Tricia Robinson (AIS), Amy Spallino (BOE), Genene Morehouse (DHS), Tim Maroney (Rogers Park), Jennifer Benson (Broadview), Richard Jannelli (BOE), Ralph Pietrafesa (BOE), Anne Moland Syme (DHS)

Call to Order

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

Welcome, Introductions and Updates

- Lynne welcomed attendees, conducted intros
- Next year's officers: Rich Matzinger (President) and Joan Strauss-Evans (Treasurer). Vice President/Co-President and Secretary positions are still open.
- All future meetings to be held at the Danbury High School Black Box Theater.

Guest Speakers

- Brett Raphael from Connecticut Ballet
 - Upcoming 'A Celebration of Dance.' 10th annual program. 50 minute assembly. Inspires students to dance. Provide scholarships to those interested in dance and is based on audition. School program (professional performance) is \$225 per school or \$350 if school is large and 2 assemblies are warranted.
- Richard Torres - Danbury Public Schools Safety and Security
 - Emergency plans across the district to be made the same. Review and critique schools emergency plans to make sure everything is correct.
 - Police and Fire Department collaborating on evacuation plans.
 - Review Safety Advocates job descriptions and provide training so they can do their job better.
 - Check positioning of security cameras at each school.
 - Rich is the communications point person for all school notifications.
 - Reunification plan to get children to parents in case of lockdown.
 - Stadley Rough concern that Safety Advocates are outside with students for all recesses and none are inside with the students.

Approval of Minutes

- November 19th minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report

- The current bank balance is \$554.98
- January 7th treasury report approved.

Superintendent's Report

- Draft budget coming up. Invite Joe Martino to come speak at City-Wide PTO meeting.
- Sub-committee reviewing PD days/times for next year's calendar so students not missing so much time in a week.
- 25 credits required effective with 2023 graduation.
- 3 phases of Strategic Planning - Draft of 3 points; Determine recurring themes; Develop vision, mission and 'graduate' statements.

Updates from School Representatives

- **AIS:** Lottery application is open. Registered for National Spelling Bee. Dr Sal read to students. After school programs in full swing. Play will be done this year.
- **Westside:** Held Science Fair. 184 project wants input from neighborhoods; Kathy Snow to attend one meeting and will debrief us.
- **King Street:** Held Geography Bee.
- **Rogers Park:** Bounce/Thrill night on January 15th. Mixed Bag Design fundraiser for Spring. PTO sponsored winter dance.
- **Stadley Rough:** Winter dance.
- **Hayestown:** Winter dance. Ben Bells fundraiser.

Next Meetings (All meetings are open to the public)

- Board of Education Meetings: February 13th and February 27rd at 7pm at Administrative Center, 63 Beaver Brook Road
- City-Wide PTO: February 4th at DHS Black Box Theater

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lynne Hamilton-Lukasik
City-Wide PTO Co-President