

Woonsocket School Committee Parent Advisory Council
Minutes for April 6, 2005

1

Present: Tracey Belliveau (Co-chair PAC, WMS), Jennie Kithes (WMS, Harris/non-delegate), Carolyn Girard (Social, SELAC), Wendy LePiors (Co-secretary PAC, Citizens/Pothier), Louise Masse (Bernon/Alternate delegate), Paul Boucher (Bernon/non-delegate), Anne Marie Ferrenti (WED Elementary teacher), Denise Auclair (Harris), Donna Lee Houle (Globe), Audra L'Etoile (Savoie), Marsha Schlesinger (RIPIN), Linda Filomeno (Co-secretary PAC, WED delegate), Allan Auclair (WED SC), Tom Hazard (WED Principal delegate), Eric J. Paquin (Fairmount) Roth Nordin (WMS Administrator)

Excused absence: Carmen Boucher (Co-chair PAC, Bernon), Linda Majewski (WHS), Mrs. Houle needed to leave early

Late:

Visitors:

1. Call to order by Tracey Belliveau at 7:24 pm
2. Good and Welfare
 - Who is responsible for ensuring that Title I Parent Involvement requirements are met? – Patricia Dubois (WED), Janet Carroll (Title I – RIDE), Gerry Richard (Outside evaluator)
 - Is a copy of the Title I requirements for Parent Involvement available? – Janet Carroll (Title I – RIDE)
3. Delegate Reports
 - Savoie Elementary School
 - + April – Pennies for Patients \$1051.15
 - + May 4 – WonderWalk for March of Dimes/need sponsors
 - + New Coat for Anna Program – used jackets for needy (4/12-29)
 - Harris Elementary School
 - + \$762.45 Pennies for Patients
 - + May – Family Dance 5/20
 - + Field Day 5/26
 - Citizens/Pothier Elementary Schools
 - + \$600 for Pennies for Patients at Citizens
 - Bernon Elementary School
 - + \$1326.58 Pennies for Patients (1 kindergarten class raised \$368)
 - + Reading Week – city and state guest readers
 - + 4/29 Medieval Banquet (1 hour lunch/King and Queen by lottery based on good behavior slips)
 - + Field days 5/25 and 26
 - + RISD Worlds of Wonder Grant – all 4th and 5th grade (A/M respectively)
 - Globe Park Elementary School
 - + Participated in Pennies for Patients
 - + Canned Food Drive with Our Lady Queen of Martyrs
 - + Staff Appreciation Week – week of 5/2
 - + School Spirit - 5/23
 - + Field day 5/27
 - Woonsocket Middle School
 - + 5/6 Movie Night
 - + SALT Visit – 4/11
 - + Junior Beta Club – Talent Show (better than last year)
 - Video available
 - + Mr. Brien and Mrs. Valentine – Student Leadership
 - + Mrs. Ferrenti suggested that WMS research information on the Dwight D. Eisenhower World Leadership Forum/up to Grade 8 (AMF)
 - Mrs. Nordin will research
 - + ESL students from Mrs. Scorobogaty's class were featured in the Woonsocket Call (Letters to the Editor)
 - + Parent/Teacher Conferences - 4/12
- SELAC

Woonsocket School Committee Parent Advisory Council
Minutes for April 6, 2005

2

- + Autism Project Fair and Talk - 3/3 featuring representatives from the Autism Project from 6:30-8:30 pm
 - + Early Childhood Development - 4/7
 - + ADD/ADHD – 5/5 at 6:30 featuring information, a Question & Answer session, resources to be held at Pothier
 - Woonsocket High School
 - + Report read as notes from Linda Majewski – Parent/Teacher Conferences were to be 3/17 and were cancelled and were rescheduled to 4/14 after report cards
 - Parents want March so seniors have a chance to bring grades up
 - + Hoping to send PAC notice with progress reports or report cards
 - Social
 - + Movie 3/31
 - + RIPIN presented the *ABC's of IEPs* on 4/12
 - Fairmount,
 - + Participated in Pennies for Patients
 - + Family Dance 4/7
 - + Article in Call – Buddy Boxes for Police
 - ECPAC
 - + 4/5 last meeting of year
 - + Information to be sent out on Kindergarten Orientation
 - 5/17 orientation at Pothier
 - 5/18 at Globe
 - + Representatives from community
 - + Meetings held for families of students in PK – K
 - + Next year – Carolyn Rabidoux will try to attend PAC so delegates can take info back
 - + Marsha Schlesinger – RIPIN has a handbook called “Going to Kindergarten” with guides and other helpful information for families in English/Spanish
 - + Allan Auclair –everyone needs to be made aware of Child Outreach screening (for children age 3 or more)
 - State telling pediatricians to advise caregivers about Child Outreach Screening
4. Report from Public Relations Representatives
- How do we want to continue to send information to Valley Breeze and the Woonsocket Call?
 - + Bernon, Harris, WMS only ones who sent
 - + First time – submitted for March with only a few things
 - + Submission date is an issue for Savoie
 - + Should we do as school activities or highlights of PAC and let schools submit on their own
 - + Tracey Belliveau noted that schools currently do their own public relations at schools,
 - + Consensus that we should keep submitting for now
 - + Noted that sometimes the submission creates a space issue for newspaper
 - + The column title should identify the submission as PAC/this will let readers know what we are
 - Denise Auclair will talk to them about this issue
 - + The Call will only publish upcoming events
 - + We should put meeting times for PTO meetings
5. Report from School Committee Representative
- 4/30 Community Engagement Partnerships for Student Achievement was an initiative hosted by the RI Association of School Committees with Representative Patrick Kennedy at the Crowne Plaza Hotel
 - + Mr. Auclair asked if parents could attend – no response yet
 - + Mr. Auclair will share information with PAC afterwards
 - Mr. Auclair has spoken to the San Diego School District, which won a national award for parent involvement program/a representative will be sending information to Mr. Auclair
 - Mr. Auclair shared information on a Summer Reading Skills Program (K-11)
 - + Classes taught by the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and are held at Dean College
 - + Cost: \$299
6. Unfinished business

Woonsocket School Committee Parent Advisory Council
Minutes for April 6, 2005

3

- Parents are urged to attend City Council meetings to request more funding for the schools since the state is planning major cuts in
 - + Last Monday only a few parents went
 - + Tracey Belliveau spoke as a parent, not as a spokesperson for PAC to support schools
 - + Next meeting will be held on 5/18 at 7pm
- District-wide Assertive Discipline workshop plans
 - + Food suggestions
 - Sunrise Bagel, Dunkin' Donuts?
 - Mrs. Papino offered items from the culinary department at WMS and Linda Majewski will speak with Mrs. Marsella in the culinary department at WHS
 - RIPIN will try to help with money for food costs
 - + Babysitting
 - Community service students from WHS, WACTC, and the Junior Beta Club will provide\
 - Anne Marie Ferrenti will call the child care teacher at WACTC
 - + Location
 - At WMS, auditorium (WMS is centrally located and large)
 - Linda Filomeno will confirm access and custodial
 - + Presenters
 - George Nasuti , Sylvia Natale and Mary Ann Matarese are potential presenters
 - ~ Linda Filomeno will confirm who will present
 - Common sense – how to stay safe/Anne Marie Ferrenti will invite Deputy Police Chief Michael O'Houle
 - Tables by community agencies such as Family Resources, WIC, Lead Prevention Project
 - + Goal to introduce Assertive Discipline at school and connect to Assertive Discipline at home; how can parents help the schools
 - Presentation will be adjusted to meet the needs parents
 - Open to all; geared to all
 - + Publicity
 - Tracey Belliveau and Denise Auclair will get the flyer to papers
 - ~ Bridging the Discipline Gap - Come and Learn How
 - Mrs. Belliveau will email the flyer to everyone for feedback, send to Linda Filomeno to translate
 - Wendy LePiors will get flyer to each delegate, Harris Public Library and email
- 7. New concerns
 - + Linda Majewski asked on information about a student at WMS who was injured
 - + Ms. Nordin will get a list of which teachers need volunteer help
 - + Anne Marie Ferrenti noted that the YMCA offers *Put Play in Your Day* with lots of activities for children, information for parents, held as an open forum, agencies such as Sojourner House and Thundermist were there, a dentist was present, RITECare was present
 - + Asked if could be advertised through the schools
 - + Tracey Belliveau asked about School Safety
 - Request a meeting with City council – see Carmen Boucher's email
 - Petition by PAC – How is state/city training teachers concerning emergency management (e.g. Lock down, Color code, Emergency plan
 - ~ Teachers have the information
 - ~ When/how does practice take place?
 - School Safety Committee
 - ~ Marc Dubois is having difficulty getting together municipal agencies to meet with School Safety Committee – Fire Department, Police Department
 - ~ Some issues Mr. Auclair will mention to Mr. Dubois
 - When buildings are in use, who is responsible for security?
 - ~ School Department, Police Dept.
- 8. Motion to adjourn made by Anne Marie Ferrenti, seconded by Wendy LePiors
 - Meeting adjourned with a note that there will be no official meeting until August (should we have a small get together?) or September