

Wallingford Public Schools
System-Wide PTAC Agenda and Meeting Minutes 2020-2021

Note Taker:	S. Menzo or Delegate	Date:	December 15, 2020
Content Topic:	SWPTAC Agenda	Time:	6:00 pm virtual meeting via “Google Meet”

Agenda Items	Discussion/Decision	Person Responsible	School Submitted
#1: Welcome	Call to order and introductions.	Rivard	N/A
#2: Minutes / Calendar	Approval of October Minutes	Rivard	N/A
#3: Community	Latest Town News and Announcements: Latest includes Exploratory pipelines, Voting information. http://www.wallingford.ct.us/News/default.asp Wallingford Local and State Resources: Links of interest to families include Wallingford Community Day Care, Masters Manna, Public Library, YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, etc. https://www.wallingford.ct.us/residents/local-and-state-resources/ Wallingford Center Inc - Opportunity to help local Businesses during this difficult time: http://www.wallingfordcenterinc.com/pdfs/Support-Local-Restaurants.pdf <i>Bryan shared that many community events have happened recently. A lot of people have attended the Holiday Light Show. Bryan asked the group to share any events that are happening around town. Cindy asked a question about all the fundraising that is going on in town (Toys for Tots, Holiday for Giving, etc.) and how families can access the resources. Dr. Menzo shared the process in how the school identifies families. Community organizations also connect with local resources. Youth and Social Services, SCOW, etc.</i>	Rivard / Menzo / ALL	ALL
#5: Parent Choice Awards	Discuss Parent Choice Award plans to be held virtually on Thursday, January 14th at 6pm <i>Bryan updated the group on the Parent Choice Awards. Reminded the group of the new date. Certificates are done and ready for signatures. It will be a great way to start the new year. All the work has been done and the ceremony will be virtual this year. Dr. Menzo shared how Central Office will announce to teachers who have been awarded a Parent Choice Awards.</i>	Rivard / Glynn	ALL
#5: Re-opening update / opportunities?	Open discussion / comments / questions around latest updates Please stay up to date as info. changes...here is a direct link to the latest COVID-19 Parent Communications: https://www.wallingford.k12.ct.us/district-departments/curriculum/distance-learning#fs-panel-6203 <i>Dr. Menzo shared there will be a special board meeting tomorrow to review our COVID numbers. Shared the latest numbers and how they have changed over the last few weeks. Numbers are decreasing in the Town of Wallingford. We are hoping to keep this trend. Dr. Menzo is not looking to change any course of action. Keep the elementary in and the middle/high school out. Shared the upcoming schedule change for the highschool. Dr. Menzo also reviewed the snow day schedule given the upcoming weather forecast.</i> <i>Dr. Menzo also shared the work that is being done with Steve Civitelli, Health Director, on the plan to disseminate the COVID vaccine.</i> <i>There are no updates related to HS sports starting. The State of CT is expected to share changes to quarantining and travel restrictions shortly. Dr. Menzo will share that information as soon as it is made</i>	Menzo et al / ALL	ALL

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#6: Distance learning update / opportunities?	Open discussion / comments / questions around latest updates Consolidated School Resources / Information links available at District Website: https://www.wallingford.k12.ct.us/district-departments/curriculum/distance-learning <i>Dr. Menzo asked the elementary group if there were any comments they wanted to share with the two board members on the meeting regarding elementary school. Feedback that was shared was that the elementary experience was going well for both distance learners and in person learning.</i>	Menzo et al / ALL	ALL
#7: Other BOE	BOE meeting items of interest. Meeting dates and agendas: https://www.wallingford.k12.ct.us/board-of-education/board-of-education-meetings Meeting videos: https://www.youtube.com/user/WPSCconnections <i>Special BOE meeting tomorrow as discussed.</i> <i>Operations Meeting update from last night on the electric bus. The 10 year commitment was not realistic and/or allowable under Town charter. Dr. Menzo will work with the team to begin negotiating opportunities for increasing the presence of electric buses within the district. Information will be shared with the BOE as it develops. There was also a presentation on the energy efficiency study. The presentation was included in the link above. Strategic plans were shared with the BOE. It was an opportunity to highlight and update the BOE on areas of completion.</i>	Menzo et al	ALL
#8: Round-Table	Local PTAC's to share updates and solution ideas for the year – focus areas: ● Family oriented community resources of interest ● Best practices for safety ● Best practices for positive social emotional impact in a COVID world ● Other recommendations for topics of interest for system-wide focus <i>CH/PF: Trying to make sure everyone feels welcome whether they are in school or distance learning.</i> <i>ST/PH:</i> <i>MYB/RH: RH was working on getting more people to attend meetings. Elected officers. Discussion about the Securely App and how it is utilized. Next meeting in January, aligned with PTO to try to draw more parents in.</i> <i>HLD/Fritz: Brief meeting. Universal screens began. Holiday for giving update.</i> <i>DAG: Had a very brief meeting in November with a small group. Next meeting is in January.</i> <i>Moran: Snacks were provided to staff for parent teacher conference night. With what Anna has put in place, there will be more opportunities to do things for staff and students.</i> <i>LHHS:</i> <i>MTS: MTS was not able to have their Dec. meeting. Next meeting will be in January.</i> <i>PPS: Meeting last Wednesday with good attendance. Presentation about understanding challenging behavior. The group also discussed bringing back the welcome kit to have resources for families. Potentially moving to an electronic packet.</i> <i>Dr. Menzo shared his thanks to the parents for all their support to the school system, the students and staff. Very much appreciated.</i>	ALL	ALL

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#10: Adjournment	THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY! Motion to adjourn 7:14	ALL	ALL
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Next Meeting:	Tuesday January 19 th , to be held virtually at 6pm. All are welcome. Please contact central office to request the meeting link.
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