

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

Note Taker:	S. Menzo or Delegate	Date:	January 19 th , 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. Call to order at 6:05	Rivard	N/A
#2: Minutes / Calendar	Approval of December minutes. Motion: Rivard Second: A. Patchell Approved: Yes	Rivard	N/A
#3: Community	<p>Latest Town News and Announcements: http://www.wallingford.ct.us/News/default.asp Wallingford Local and State Resources: https://www.wallingford.ct.us/residents/local-and-state-resources/ Wallingford Center Inc: http://www.wallingfordcenterinc.com/</p> <p><i>Protocols and suggestions regarding the vaccination schedule for those who are 75+. Great information on the town website if you are looking for information for neighbors, family members, etc.</i></p> <p><i>Wallingford Center Inc: Continue to encourage folks to support local take out - continue to support local, small businesses in town. They have always been supportive of the schools.</i></p> <p><i>Wallingford Public Schools: Registration has started for Kindergarten and anyone new to the school system for the school year 21-22. Registration information is on the district website. Additionally, any family interested in signing up for the lottery for the three and four year old preschool the google form will be available on February 1st. Forms for free and reduced lunch are available on the district website for any family who may need to apply.</i></p>	Rivard / Menzo / ALL	ALL
#4: Parent Choice Awards	<p>Discuss Parent Choice Ceremony results.</p> <p><i>Although there were a few technology glitches, it was a very special night for all the staff members nominated as well a great opportunity to recognize Kathy Neelon, WPS nurse coordinator, as well as Steve Civitelli, Town of Wallingford Health Director. A special thanks to Linda Lavalley and all the parent volunteers that assisted with the evening.</i></p> <p><i>Suggestions for next year: time for staff to recognize the families who nominated and say thank you as well as potentially have the PTAC reps announce the teachers from that school. Another considerations would be to continue to live stream the ceremony even if it is an in-person ceremony so that families at home can watch along.</i></p>	Rivard / Glynn	ALL
#5: Re-opening update / opportunities?	<p>Open discussion / comments / questions around latest updates</p> <p>Please stay up to date as info. changes...here is a direct link to the latest COVID-19 Parent Communications:</p>	Menzo et al / ALL	ALL

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	<p>https://www.wallingford.k12.ct.us/district-departments/curriculum/distance-learning#fs-panel-6203</p> <p><i>Today, MS & HS returned back to school. HS is using a different schedule. We are continuing to look at options to bring back the students full-time. It is not just a health issue but a staffing issue as well. We are looking at that very closely and will continue to work with the teachers' union.</i></p> <p><i>We were disappointed with the news that the vaccines for educators are delayed. With this news, there may be a delay to the clinic that will vaccinate our staff. We are ready to go when we are given the go-ahead to schedule our clinic. The school nurses will run our clinics. Steve Civitelli is well organized and is working very hard to have all of this scheduled and completed.</i></p> <p><i>Last week Dr. Menzo, Mrs. LaTorre, and Mrs. Turner held a meeting with elementary homeschooling families to answer questions about returning to school. We reviewed the registration process and answered all questions. We did factor in the homeschooled families due to COVID back into our enrollment as we planned the budget for the 2021-2022 school year. We have a MS/HS meeting scheduled for this week.</i></p>		
#6: Distance learning update / opportunities?	<p>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</p> <p><i>It is continuing and the ST of CT has given no indication that it is going away. It does make returning to school a little bit more difficult. Given the uncertainty for next year, we have developed COVID expenses for next school year as part of the budget process. We will look at how we will accommodate voluntary distance learning in the 2021-2022 school year if needed.</i></p>	Menzo et al / ALL	ALL
#7: Other BOE	<p>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/WPSConnections</p> <p><i>We will have our first BOE Budget meeting tomorrow night. It will be live streamed on Youtube tomorrow night. All families will have the opportunity to comment and provide questions as we have done in the past. Additionally a fact sheet will be sent out to all families later this week. The budget presentation is posted online for all families to view. If there are questions about the budget, they can be sent to Mrs. Hlavac to read into the meetings since they are still online due to COVID.</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Menzo updated the group about discussions around the potential movement of Adult Education. Dr. Menzo is working with the Mayor on each step of the planned study.</i></p>	Menzo et al	ALL
#8: Round-Table	<p>Local PTACs to share updates and solution ideas for the year – focus areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 <p>CH/PF: <i>The principals have brought up that the demographics are changing. SCOW will be attending the next meeting to share the different programs they have available. A fundraising opportunity is coming up which will be providing soup to Masters Manna.</i></p>	ALL	ALL

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	<p>Moran: Last meeting was in November right before the school went full remote. The conversation was focused on the change of the schedule and the instructional time. The schedule worked really well and the staff did a really good job. The class time was longer and the flex time worked well for questions, extra help, etc.</p> <p>MYB/RH: We had a January meeting scheduled but changed it due to the budget meeting tomorrow night.</p> <p>ST/PH: We haven't really had formal PTAC since last meeting. Our next meeting is February 10.</p> <p>HLD/Fritz: Last meeting we reviewed universal screening results and discussed physical education moving indoors. Next meeting 2/10.</p> <p>Special Education: Presentation regarding transition. The presentation was engaging and interactive. Discussions with police/fire about training. While the proposal was received, the policy & fire felt it might be better to have a recorded training instead of live as planning around the different schedules can be problematic. Continued outreach to the departments will occur. Family welcome packets are moving along and continue to be worked on. The intent is to have something that all families have access to from the district website and will be continually updated as changes occur.</p>		
#10: Adjournment	<p>THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY!</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at: 7:01</p>	ALL	ALL

Next Meeting:	Tuesday, February 16 th , to be held virtually at 6pm. All are welcome. Please contact central office to request the meeting link.
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