

TRUMBULL PTSA COUNCIL
General Meeting
April 25, 2016

Present: See Attendance List

Call to Order: 7:06 pm

President Jen Kehley announced opening for 2nd VP and President Elect on board.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Gary Cialfi

- 'We the People' team continues to be successful. Dr. Cialfi just returned.
- Tri-State visiting committee submitted report. Purpose was to provide PD designed with district goal of strengthening instructional practices. Trumbull focused on writing.
- We need to strengthen vertical alignment
- Mark Brackett presentation – 600 attended, including some BOE members
- April 26 – 'Trumbull Shares' substance abuse program
- Jen Kehley asked where healthcare line item is in budget. Dr. Cialfi answered that it is on town side; Loretty Chory said it was on BOE side. Discussion was had.

Assistant Superintendent's Report – Dr. Michael McGrath

- Val Forshaw, MMS Principal, is retiring. Anyone who wants to be part of interview committee should send their names to Dr. McGrath or Dr. Cialfi
- April 26 will be PD day, due to volume of expected voters/student safety

Administrator's Report – Peter Sullivan, MMS Assistant Principal

- Tri-State visit – Teachers watched Writer's Workshop in action in Woodbridge
- Working on bridging from level to level
- Talked about Infinite Campus

President's Report – Jen Kehley

- 'Recap of 2015-2016 school year, highlighting successes such as increased parent involvement ('Get out the Vote' and 'Get out the Note' initiatives) and Reflections

Motion made by Veronica Lenzen to move guest presentation up in the agenda.
Seconded by Lara Walden.

Guest Presentation – Bill Mecca, Intervention Specialist, THS

- Emotional Revolution survey at THS had over 500 participants
- Mark Brackett message is relevant and supported by all staff
- Overall, THS students do a good job helping each other

- Cheshire and Bridgeport are other districts implementing Emotional Intelligence programs
- Mr. Mecca took questions about peer-mediators and SRO's
- Marie Petitti (BOE member) said that the Emotional Intelligence program would have to go before the Curriculum Director before implementing, and stated "We are trying to get test scores up."
- Jen Kehley asked what our district's wish list is. Mr. Mecca replied that we need a standardized measure from 5th grade to 6th, and 8th to 9th and communication between levels about social/emotional health concerns about students. There are assessments/surveys out there that can be used (CASEL.) Currently, counselors meet and share student information anecdotally.
- Handouts will be emailed

Committee Reports:

TAY

- Thrive Dance program

Health and Wellness

- All six elementary schools will participate in Rod Dixon's Kids' Marathon Final Mile to be held May 22nd

Pumpkin Fun Run

- Seeking sponsors for next year

Student Representative Reports

- We are seeking two new student reps for next year. Juniors or seniors who are interested should contact Traci Galla
- No student reps able to attend. Traci Galla reported on all schools, based on information the student reps sent to her

Treasurer's Report – Veronica Lenzen

- Overview of 2015-2016 (presentation will be emailed)

Teacher Reports - Beth McGrath

- Staff signed onto state plan – 80 pink slips were pulled off the table.
- Elementary started SBAC – chromebooks helpful
- PD in April – teachers will have session choices; Woodbridge staff coming

Nominations for 2016-2017 PTSA Council Board

- All officers on the slate presented were unanimously elected, without president-elect and 2nd VP

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 pm, with motion by Lara Walden, seconded by Scott Kerr.

Respectfully Submitted,
June 2, 2016
Traci Galla