

# Valley Stream District Thirteen Interschool Council of PTA's

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## MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, October 18, 2017

### **Call to Order:**

Espie Nadal, President, Interschool PTA called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

### **Attendance:**

Constance Evelyn, Superintendent  
William Stris, Boards of Education President  
Lisa Sells-Asch, Assistant Superintendent for Special Services  
Judith LaRocca, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Assessment & Technology  
Gerard Antoine, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Human Resources  
Andrea DiMango, Director of Technology  
Rosalie Ambrosio, Principal, Willow Road School  
Darren Gruen, Principal, James A. Dever School  
Dr. Gayle Steele, Principal, Wheeler Avenue School  
Espie Nadal, President, Interschool PTA  
Sangeeta Pandit, Vice President, Interschool PTA  
Pedro Davila, Secretary, Interschool PTA  
Linetta Plevritis, James A. Dever School  
Cathy Dusel – James A. Dever School PTA Co-President  
Jeanette Wilson – Howell Road School PTA President  
Nisa Alam

### **Welcome:**

Espie Nadal welcomed members. Pledge of Allegiance followed.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes presented for the June 14, 2017 meeting were approved.

### **Correspondence:**

None

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Beginning Balance 5/31/17	= \$3610.50
Total additions	= \$0.00
Total subtractions	= \$369.67
<b>Ending balance 8/31/17</b>	<b>= \$3,240.83</b>

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## **Proposed Budget for 2017-2018:**

Carry-over balance 2016-2017 (from 8/31/17 bank statement)	\$3,240.83
Revenue (Dues/other from each school: 4x \$800)	+\$3,200.00
Expenditures (Itemized during meeting)	<u>-\$2,985.00</u>

<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,455.83</b>
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- The budget for 2017-2018 was approved.

## **Principals' Reports**

### **Rosalie Ambrosio: Willow Road School**

- Smooth opening day
- Comment from the staff "Best we have seen in a long time"
- Great Fall Festival – Saturday 10/14/2017
  - Entertainment from 1-5pm
  - DJ, contests, photo booth
- Pumpkin patch today in the school yard

### **Darren Gruen: James A. Dever School**

- New things are coming in the district- did not want to ruin any surprises
- Lots of excitement around the new school year
- Today is the posting of the Scooter Hockey teams, one of the biggest days at Dever
- Red Ribbon week is coming up
  - Espie is coordinating schedule of activities
- Kindergarten is going to Green Meadows for pumpkin picking

### **Dr. Gayle Steele: Wheeler Avenue School**

- Great start to the new year
- PTA posted a "Welcome Back to School" sign on the front lawn
- Open house was well attended
- Book fair and picture day have happened in the past weeks
- Looking forward to Red Ribbon week
  - Cash for education, bucket filling event
- Pumpkin patch in the school yard next week

### **Frank Huplosky: Howell Road School**

- Not present this meeting

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## District Administrators' Reports

### Constance Evelyn, Superintendent of Schools

- Opening Day is one of my favorites
- During opening day
  - review of demographics
    - ethnicity
    - economical
  - Hispanic +10% in ten years
  - Poverty rate has doubled, now 27%
- Senator Kaminsky pledged \$100K
- Assemblywoman Solages, \$125K grant
- Strategic plan will roll out in November

### Lisa Sells-Asch – Assistant Superintendent for Special Services

- First inclusive education committee meeting yesterday, 10/17
  - Review of data of students who have moved from self-contained programs into inclusive
  - Please to report that the results were positive, majority demonstrated improvement
  - This review was an overall one, not just test scores
  - Looking for more parents to join the committee
  - Open to attending PTA meeting in order to get this information out
- First Wellness committee meeting/ Parent University
  - Looking for more parent participation, this is district wide
  - Discussing wellness issues including, vaping(review of policies), anxiety, opioid addiction
- Pre-school committee
  - Looking to develop a survey on how to get parents to register their children

### Judy LaRocca, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Assessment & Technology

- NYS recently adopted the next generation ELA and Math standards
  - Go live in Spring 2021
  - Extensive process of public input
  - Lengthy timeline for implementation
  - Roll out is more student friendly
- NYS adopted new Science standard last December
- NYS adopted new Arts standard
  - Music, visual arts, theater
- Lots of changes within the learning standard but with appropriate strategic support
- Open the year with Reading Wonders for grades 3-6
- Supporting teachers with professional development programs

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## **Gerard Antoine, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Human Resources**

- Off to a good start financially as a district
- Closed out the year with auditor approval
- Into full swing of the BOND project
  - Phase two will include windows and lighting
- Security cameras are coming
- First nutrition held on 10/25
  - same provider, new choices offered

## **Andrea DiMango, Director of Technology**

- Chrome Books
  - Grades 3-6, 1:1 ratio
  - sign-on for devices has gone very well
- Valley Stream ED Foundation
  - donation of 3D printers to each school
- New Google technology
- Security cameras inside and outside at all buildings
- New teacher ID's with key access built in
- Apps for each school coming soon

## **Committee Reports**

- None to report

## **New Business**

- Mini Grant announcements
- Blood Drive
- Discussion about Wheeler Avenue traffic conditions during morning drop off and dismissal
- LIJ @ Valley Stream Holiday tree lighting happened on 11/29 from 5-7pm

## **Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 10:07AM

Respectfully submitted,

*Pedro Davila*

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Secretary  
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