

Pt council minutes 11/17/16

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. David Mannis, BOE member

- 267 million school budget proposed/reduced over 3 million
- Heavy reliance on property taxes to fund school budget unlike other states rely on state funding
- Current state funding formula is awful for Stamford. Mr. Mannis recommended speaking up at public hearings to talk about what you want in terms of gaining funding (i.e., cited sailing program supporters for gaining funding for their program).

III. Treasurer report & budget

- Send tax returns to new gmail account by 12/15 (Lori to provide address)
- Dues and scholarship contributions are missing from a few PTOs
- FYI - financial guidelines on PT council website. PT council No longer accepting paper tax documentation. Please send electronically.
- Request for school bus budget from BOE as discussed previously.

IV. Candidates Forum

- Low public turn out but successful in terms of candidates representing their ideas and potential contributions as BOE members
- Proposed live forum with BOE members in January and June.

V. Healthy Food Certification –

- Last BOE committed schools to HFC program thereby restricting competitive food sales including fundraising efforts by PTO's
- Full compliance must be reached no later than 12/1/16 for fundraising efforts.
- Per the BOE agreement checks will be sent out on 12/15/16
 1. Brief review of HFC fundraising guidelines:
 - If sold during the day must be healthy food choice certified (i.e., whole wheat pizza/ must meet strict food content guidelines) at certain times of day. Can be very difficult to do.
 - Non-certified fundraising foods can be sold 30 minutes after the end of school and needs to be associated with a school event (i.e., movie night fundraiser)
 - Food item must be sold at location
 - No vending machines
 - Can no longer send purchased food items home with students like pies or candy
 - State will conduct audits in March of each school for compliance

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