

**Warwick Public Schools – School Committee
Parents Communication Advisory Committee
7 p.m. Warwick Public Schools Administration Bldg.
Meeting Minutes December 3, 2009**

Mission: To advise and make recommendations to the School Committee as to how we can better facilitate communication by and between parents, school administration and the Warwick School Committee.

Present:

**Voting Members: David Testa (J.B. Francis, Aldrich; Chair); Patti Nazareth (Greenwood); Michelle Barrett (Greenwood); Ed Racca (Sherman); Paula Breslin (Holliman, Pilgrim) Barbara Supsky(Oakland Beach, Gorton) Deidre Wilson (Cedar Hill) Ian Drew (Wyman)
Jen Marcello (Lippitt)
Peter Horoschak (Superintendent);**

Discussion of fundraising ideas for PTA's

Meeting called to order at 7:21 p.m. by David Testa

Motion made (Racca) and 2nd (Breslin) to accept minutes of October 1, 2009 as distributed.

Completed Business – (David Testa)

- **Additional links added to website**

Unfinished Business – (David Testa)

- **By-laws – work in progress**
- **Master list of WPS committees and schedules – work in progress**

New Business –

- **Update on solutions and improvements to parking situation at Sherman Elementary School.**
- **E-blast with results of H1N1 participation by schools**

General Discussion-

- **Tracy McDermott is connecting with the Warwick council PTA**
 - **Diane Silvia is encouraging individual schools to develop websites**
 - **Bond Issue ... city needs to release funds**
 - **3.9 million stimulus funds - upgrade fire code violations several school buildings, Pilgrim roof**
 - **Grantsspecialized doors for stairwells**
 - **Need to improve computer technology in regards to communication; parent/teacher, principals/families**
 - **Positive response to H1N1 clinics; all clinics ran very smoothly.**
- Thank you to all school staff members and volunteers who gave their time to run the clinics.**

Updates -

Administration – (Dr. Horoschak)

- **Board of Regents – expectation of new staff evaluations... viable evaluation process needs to be developed**
- **Breakthrough in implementing the E-portfolio process**

- **Students are very vocal in the need for teacher evaluations**
- **Long range planning committee needs to be formed to explore**
 - § **Analysis of all elementary schools**
 - § **6th grade to middle schools**
 - § **Closing of a jr/sr high school**
 - § **Redistricting city wide**
 - § **Airport development impacting schools**
- **Financial Outlook – worse outlook for next year**

Next meeting –either Thursday, January 7, 2010 or February 4, 2010

TBA

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Motion to adjourn 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Nazareth