

**Warwick Public Schools – School Committee  
Parents Communication Advisory Committee  
7 p.m. Warwick Public Schools Administration Bldg.  
Meeting Minutes March 4, 2010**

**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); Barbra Supsky (Oakland Beach, Vets); Ian Drew (Wyman); Steve Campanelli (Robertson); Tracey McDermott; Marc Comtois (Hoxie); Peter Horoschak (Superintendent); Lucille Mota-Costa (S.C.); Patrick Maloney (S.C., JB Francis)**

**Non-Voting Members: Margaret Paynich, Tom Daniels**

**Meeting called to order at 7:11 p.m. by David Testa**

**Motion made /seconded to accept minutes of February 4, 2010 as distributed.**

**Completed Business**

**Unfinished Business – (David Testa)**

- **Contact Jillian Saytes, president Warwick Council PTA**
- **Vote to approve By-laws for Parents Communication Advisory Committee**

**Motion - Ian Drew 2nd by Mark Comtois**

**New Business –**

**Consolidation of PIRC Steve Lowery (Title 1) need more info**

**General Discussion-**

- **Sherman School – question and discussion of possible electrical violations**
- **Fire extinguishers – inspected 2x a year**
- **Condition of School buildings - Buildings are in terrible shape due to deferred maintenance 2006 Bond money still has not been released**
- **3.9 million in stimulus funds to be applied**

**Lippitt/Wyman fire alarm systems**

**Pilgrim roof**

- **Clarification on licensing of electrical work in school buildings, need proof of licensed professional doing work**
- **Dr. Horoschak contacting state for clarification**
- **New person in charge of buildings and grounds, Maintenance dept. has a new priority process started this year for work needed at schools. Maintenance department has been pared down in last few years. Receive ~ 4400 work orders a year**

**Updates –**

- **Discussion of policy of tracking freshman year progress**
- **Goal to have consistency of info. on individual school websites**

**Administration – (Dr. Horoschak)**

- **Warwick on final list for Race to Top Funding**
- **Lay-off notices out March 1st**
- **Personnel changes due**
- **\$400,000 in additional cuts this year**
- **next year expected deficit \$4,000,000**
- **68% of teachers at 10th step, many others @8/9th step, very few teachers are hired @1st step... need incentive for early retirement**
- **ongoing applications for free and reduced lunches.. discussion of payment cards**

**School Committee – (Patrick Maloney)**

- **No additional stimulus funds this year**
- **4.5 million potential cuts next year (3.2 million savings seen from closing of 4 schools in past years)**
- **Tuesday, March 9th School Committee meeting 7pm @ Toll Gate**

**Next meeting –**

**7 p.m. April 1, 2010 Administration Building**

**Motion to adjourn 9:20 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Patricia Nazareth**