

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

Marc Comtois (Hoxie);

Peter Horoschak (Superintendent); Lucille Mota-Costa (S.C.); Patrick Maloney (S.C., JB Francis)

Non-Voting Members: Jennifer Ellis (Winman)

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m. by David Testa

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

April meeting cancelled No quorum for May meeting

Completed Business

Unfinished Business – (David Testa)

- **PTA/O leaders still need to be contacted**

New Business –

- **Dr Horoschak updated on Sherman's electrical issues, State inspector went through building and O.K'd all existing work, policy now stands contracting out on certain jobs, city electrical inspector will be in contacted**
- **Schedule a presentation with RI Parent Information network**
- **1st day flyer for schools with info. on PCAC**

General Discussion-

- **Technology in classrooms: Issue of privacy involving an assignment requiring students to develop a published website with their name included**
- **How to encourage teachers to include technology in assignments vs. parents/guardian(s), students need to maintain privacy**
- **Instructional Technology needs to be implemented in schools, must be equitable in all schools. Question of grant money available.**
- **Wireless capabilities in buildings**
- **Should there be a Technology Advisory Committee, open to proposal**
- **Next year a Technology skills state test will be implemented to maintain teaching certification**
- **Professional development is needed, technology is required in each classroom**
- **E-blast from PCAC regarding upcoming City council budgetary**

meeting as well as school committee meeting – Needs to be informational not judgmental

Updates –

Administration - Dr. Horoschak

- **Race to the Top**

Commissioner Gist has asked for professional volunteers to work on new guidelines for teacher evaluations this summer.

- **Dr H. is looking for an evaluation that is appropriate. AFT offered an alternative for teacher evaluation. Evaluation system is considered to be punitive in current educational system**

- **Seniority is considered budget issue**

School Committee – (Patrick Maloney, Lucille Mota-Costa)

- **Possible 8.5 million cut to this years budget**
- **Monday, City council meeting to vote on budget**
- **Stipulations of Basic Education Plan**
- **Discretionary funding needs to be cut totally**
- **All cuts effective this school year Sept. 1st.**

Next meeting –

7 p.m. August 5, 2010 Administration Building

Motion to adjourn 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Nazareth