



## **PTC Meeting Minutes 05-07-2015 General Meeting**

Representatives in attendance were: Stamford High School, Cloonan, Rippowam, Rogers, Stark, Davenport, and Westover

Representatives not in attendance were: West Hill High School, AITE, Scofield Dolan, Newfield, Hart, Toquam, Roxbury, KT Murphy, Stillmeadow, Northeast, and Springdale

Suzanna Vidan, PTC Co-President opened the meeting at 7:30 pm

### **Ferguson Library – Summer Reading Club**

Representatives: Susan LaPerla, Director of Public Services and Liz McKay

Presented the Summer Reading Club and stressed their goal of counter acting the “summer slide” and to boost library usage. The Summer Reading Club has been modified slightly to be even more accessible to all students and to align better with SPS and the common core objectives.

For more information: 203-351-8242

**Provide links and flyers here**

### Statistical information:

- 3,100 students participate city-wide last year
- 1,900 students read 5 or more books
- Students who use the library show fewer effects of the “summer slide”

### Ferguson Library Club Features:

- No age limits for participation (pre-readers are welcome)
- Students are not required to have a library card to participate
- No student will be excluded based on outstanding library fines etc.
- Students read and record on their own or can be read to
- Record in minutes of reading per day
- Supports the practice theory on reading
- Aligned with SPS reading logs
- Provides incentives: prizes, show at the Palace Theatre, end of season party
- Student reading achievements are shared with their school in the fall

Summer Reading Club kick-off date: 6/20/2015

Representative from the library are currently visiting all schools to raise awareness

### Teen Volunteer Program

Program kick-off date: 6/20/2015

- Students must be 12 years or older to volunteer
- Currently accepting student applications
- Volunteers mandatory training sessions are: 6/13 and 6/17

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### Teen Summer Soundwaters Cruise

Save the date: 6/20/2015, 2:00 (for teens)

More information to come on the Long Island Sound cruise on the schooner, Soundwaters

**Provide additional information from the Ferguson Library here**

### **Dr. Tamu Lucero, Assistant Superintendent – Elementary**

Presented/spoke on several SPS topics:

1. Reinforced the importance of summer reading and provided a brief overview of SPS K-8 reading programs. One such program, “Reading a to Z” will be available throughout the summer in partnership with the Ferguson Library. Students may use their individual log-ins and passwords at the Ferguson Library to access “Reading A to Z.” SPS will provide the library with student log-in and access codes to aid student usage. Two additional programs were mentioned: “Head Sprout” (part of Reading A to Z) and Dream Box” (MS and HS math program).
2. New Board of Education committee: Family, School and Community engagement
  - Teachers are on special assignment to do community outreach
  - Creating a survey: “How do you engage your parent community?”
3. Band rental program has been a huge success. It has provided access to instruments and lessons to more students than ever before.

### **Ms. Jackie Heftman, SPS Board of Education President**

Spoke on several topics:

1. SPS Budget sustained 3.3 million dollar reduction, which will be a very significant. It will lead to cuts that will be felt in classrooms throughout the district.
  - Dr. Hamilton and staff are working on reallocating the budget
  - June 11 presentation date
2. SHS investigation and other related topics:
  - Most teachers are doing what they are supposed to be doing and doing it well
  - Ms. Heftman echoed the feeling of most regarding the situation and the report’s findings
  - Stated that the situation has a required process that will take time (months)
  - Disciplinary actions and recommendations are forthcoming from Dr. Hamilton
  - BOE does not manage the day-to-day functions of the school district
  - The Superintendent is the only employee of the BOE (BOE sets and evaluates district goals for the Superintendent)
3. Board will be adopting a Climate Policy
  - All district employees will have to adhere to this policy
  - Annual surveys will be done

Susanna Vidan shared with Ms. Heftman that PTC has written a letter to the Superintendent and BOE members regarding the SHS investigation report. The context of the letter does not focus specifically on SHS, rather identifies broader concerns that have an impact on our entire school community. The situation at SHS, the investigation report, and general concerns regarding the report’s findings were discussed by the group along with Ms. Heftman.

**Provide link to letter here**



## **PTC Business**

### **Treasurers Report**

P&L was presented and accepted

### **Scholarship Committee**

Committee will be meeting soon to review student applications  
PTC to present scholarships at the June 23rd BOE meeting

### **2015-16 Executive Board Elections**

Several open positions were filled

2015-16 Executive Board:

Regan Allen, Senior co-President

Lori Johnson, Junior Co-President

Susanna Vidan, Past President

Open, 2<sup>nd</sup> Co-President (President's Meeting)

Carrie Jachimczyk , Co-Treasurer

Open, Co-Treasurer

Nora Taylor, Co-Recording Secretary

Open, Co-Recording Secretary

Marcella Branca, Co-Corresponding Secretary

Open, Co-Corresponding Secretary

PTC Committee Chairpersons:

Open, Advocacy

Open, Scholarship

Open, Technology and Public Relations

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Minutes Recorded and respectfully submitted by  
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