

Pre-Referendum High School Consolidation Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 31, 2012

A meeting of the Pre-Referendum High School Consolidation Committee was held at Enfield High School Library, located at 1264 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT on May 31, 2012.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by
Randy Daigle

2. **ROLL CALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Daigle, Judy Apruzzese-Desroches, Maureen
Brennan, John Dague, Pat Droney, Robert Hunt, Kyle
Kalagher, Wendy Osada, Steve Sargalski, Bill Schultz

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brien Brown, Tina LeBlanc, Greg Stokes

ALSO PRESENT: Art Pongratz, Genaro Sepulveda, Silver/Petrucci &
Associate Representative

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to accept Minutes of May 17, 2012 by Judy Apruzzese-Desroches
Two abstentions
Seconded by Steve Sargalski
Motion Passes by a show of hands

Correction of Minutes of May 17, 2012: Members present should reflect
Steve Sargalski as Present and Bill Schultz Absent

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

Dean shows the hand-out (tri-fold). The graphics are done. Need text. Then, will make the copies. Wendy and Randy will work on the text. They will email the rest of the committee with the text and accept comments/changes/feedback. Art states that the PTO suggests to include the reimbursement rate and the top 5 in the State. Dean states that the boards are ready for print. Art suggest it would be smarter and safer to put them in the schools in September so they don't get lost. Randy asks if we can get some of the 16 sets to put out in the community (libraries, senior center, town hall). Bill Suggests that we put some in the high schools for the graduation ceremony guests to see. The boards can be stored in Mr. Sepulveda's office for the summer.

Taping of the Kiner show: It was rescheduled to June 4th at 7:15. Discussion of who will attend the taping. Wendy states that she could go but Tina would be a valuable asset.

Electronic Submission of Grant Application: Art states he did it last week. Received a temporary number from the State. New Chief Finance Officer, Tony Littizzio will meet with Art. Tony is very familiar with the process.

Meeting with PTO Presidents: Dean states they met with the PTO Presidents and Superintendent. 12-15 PTO members were present. Gave one hour presentation. Very positive. Dean distributed handouts to the PTO. One of the questions was about 'what happens to Fermi if we don't do this'? Stated it was a town decision. Cost, reimbursement rate were other topics of discussion. This is a 32 million dollar project. Art states there are some potential people to work on the PAC.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Architect distributes Final Draft Report. Will print additional copies if needed.

Wendy asks when does it change from draft report to final report, after we vote on it? Architect states yes. There may be some tweaks. Randy thanks the architect for their work. This document does not get submitted to the State. Judy states one of the purposes of this Report is to fulfill the charge of the committee.

Motion to Approve Final Report from Silver/Petrucelli by Wendy Osada

Seconded by Patrick Droney

One Abstention: Maureen Brennan

Motion passes by a show of hands

Fall work by Architect – Art states that the architect is on retainer until November 4th to work with a PAC that may be put together. In the past have attended Family Day in September. The new building will open when the 5 and 6th graders go to high school. Art states we need to speak to the Senior Center and the Rotary in the fall. Randy asks who has the authority to organize a PAC? Maureen states any citizen can form a PAC. Art states it should go through Town Manager's office. Architect states they can work with anyone who has authorization. Does a PAC have authorization to use the architect's services. Architect states they will only give the facts, not opinions. Wendy states she suggests that he check with the Town Managers office to see if it is permissible to work with them. Randy states the 4th of July event is another site. Last year 112,000 people attended the 4th of July. Steve states flyers would be good. Randy can organize it and get a table. They can be from the schools, or PTO's. Art states a PAC should be formed soon. Randy will talk to Scott to see if a booth is available. Randy states the dates are July 6, 7, 8. Judy asks if anyone knows if a PAC is being formed? Steve states he talked to Central Office and they thought it was a great idea to speak to staff at the August 27th in-service. He will talk to Mr. Drezek. They will ask the new superintendent if he agrees to let a ½ hour to 45 minute presentation to the staff be allowed. Art states to let him and architect know decision about staff in-service presentation. Steve continues that they are positive about the Kiner Show presentation. Pat suggests we could ask for spots on Rock 102 radio, could also try to speak to Brad Davis, former EHS alumnus. Good demographic. Judy asks if we can get the Patch to do an article on this, possibly a link to the plans. She continues that Karen Jarmoc is another person we can approach. Maureen suggests newspaper editorials. Pat states he can do something for Patch. Randy states if you know of anyone, please send them his way.

Randy thanks everyone for their passion, hard work. This is a great cause and hopefully we can see it through.

Wendy thanks Dean for their hard work.

Motion for the Committee To Dissolve by Judy Apruzzese-Desroches

Seconded by Kyle Kalagher

Motion passes by a show of hands

USER GROUP COMMENTS

None

GENERAL COMMENTS

Kyle would like to thank everyone for allowing him this experience. Randy states it was a benefit to have both students at these meetings. Judy states the two students should be invited to come back to do the presentations in the fall.

Motion to Adjourn By Pat Droney

Seconded By Judy Apruzzese-Desroches

Motion passes by a show of hands

Adjournment: 7:55 PM

Submitted by: Ellen Smith, Recording Secretary