

**October 2, 2012**

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General Membership Meeting Minutes

email [jay@weisscohen.org](mailto:jay@weisscohen.org) with questions or comments

Called to order: 10:16 AM

Board members in attendance: Jay Cohen, Rosemarie Hatcher, Angela Canady, Christine Gordon, Tyrone Patterson, Rose Lentz,, Jeffrey Dickerson, Millie Cappetti, Eileen Gargano

Excused absence: Pauline Henry

### **Speakers**

Kelley Hodge, ESQ. Office of Safe Schools Advocate

- Offered book on bullying and rights available at the meeting and her office (to order copies [www.townsendpress.com](http://www.townsendpress.com))
- Offered copy of Juvenile Justice Newsletter available at meeting and her office at 440 North Broad Street, Office of the Safe Advocate.
- <http://webgui.phila.k12.pa.us/offices/a/safe-schools--anti-bullying-information/office-of-the-safe-schools-advocate>
- Her mission is to be a “victim advocate”. Her office can assist you with hearings.. Email her at [kehodge@pa.gov](mailto:kehodge@pa.gov)

Parent question: What if the bullier is an adult? Still report it to her office

What type of help is being provided to the bully? She can bring organizations to help. Contact her office for resources

Rachael Eisenberg and Alex Dutton of School Discipline Advocacy Services

- Temple Law students who provide representation to students
- A coalition of law students working to support k-112 students and their parents as they navigate the school discipline process.
- Also, they provide outreach trainings so that parents are familiar with their child’s rights.
- Web & Email: [www.sdasphiladelphia.com](http://www.sdasphiladelphia.com), [info@sdasphiladelphia.com](mailto:info@sdasphiladelphia.com)
- Call 215-204-8812 and one of the advocates will get back to you within 24 hours

Question: Do you cover special needs students also? Depends on a case by case basis. Sometimes Special Needs students will have another attorney but it depends on

if the issue is strictly discipline and not related to the special need.

Question: Are there any longer term support services for after the hearing? We would assist in getting referred to another agency

Evette Jones, Philadelphia Federation of Teachers

- Voter registration and voter ID. Judge just ruled to hold off on the requirement but doesn't mean that we "won the war".
- October 9th to register to vote. Rides are available to get people to polls
- Make sure your information is verified (registration is updated), identification (you can get a voter card by going to any penn dot center for free - a non-drivers license costs \$13 but you don't need it), polling place (make sure you know where your polling place is
- What you can do? Set up a table at your school (we have permission from Dr. Hite) to get parents information
- Contact your state rep or committee of 70 who will give you your polling place
- 215-587-6738 [ejones@pft.org](mailto:ejones@pft.org)

Shakeda Gaines President of Finletter Home and School Association

- We do a lot of fundraising. Contact me through the PHSC if you are interested in helping. 267-770-0910
- Free stuff from: PTO free gifts, Rolling Thunder, Krispy Kreme, Black History Fundraising Catalogs, Avon, 5 & Below, be careful about IHOPE, Models, Philabundance, movie night, Hers, Wawa
- Academic recognition, Beautifications, Student engagement, Parent awareness Student, Parent, Teacher Involvement
- Please reward students for what they do

### Vendors

Dr. Stephen Jones, Consultant & Education Coach (610-842-3843) [www.studyskills2u.com](http://www.studyskills2u.com)

- Developed a book on how to study, How to motivate k-12 students, scholarship book.

Chuck McCormick, Natural Wayz

- Healthy drinks [www.hydroonebeverages.com](http://www.hydroonebeverages.com)

Bill Radcliffe, AGLA Insurance (609-617-0644) [zach.savage@agla.com](mailto:zach.savage@agla.com)

- Life Insurance but you don't have to die to collect

Steve Shaw & Addy Oneal of Elwyn, Parent Partnership Program

- *Advocates for special needs children age 3-5 and their parents. Because we have been through the process we can help other parents*

Also... Right to Education Task Force 215-400-5151 [philadelphialtf@gmail.com](mailto:philadelphialtf@gmail.com)

Also... Millie Cappetti is the Special Ed Representative for the PHSC if you need someone

#### Bob Bonhage, Fundraising

- World's Finest Chocolate, Program to buy back program for extra candy
- Partnered with a group called "Block out bullying" for free
- 610-888-0411 [bonhagerfr@gmail.com](mailto:bonhagerfr@gmail.com)
- [www.bonhagefundraising.com](http://www.bonhagefundraising.com)

#### Introductions of Parents

#### Minutes

- Jay requested permission to get minutes approved for next month

#### Treasurer's report

- Submitted and read

#### Membership Report

- Explanation of membership form

Meeting Adjourned: 11:55 AM