

The Philadelphia Home and School Council

General Membership Meeting – Minutes

May 1, 2012

Room 1075

Meeting began at 10:28am

In Attendance: Christine Gordon, Eileen Gargano, Jay Cohen, Delores E. Solomon, Rose Lentz, Rosemarie F. Hatcher, Tyrone Patterson,

Late: Jeffrey Dickerson – 10:18am

Approved absence: Angela Canady

Welcome and Introduction: Delores E. Solomon, President

Minutes (read silently) – Rose Lentz, Recorder

Jay Cohen – I make a motion to approve the minutes as read.

2nd Rosemarie Frost Hatcher

Approved as read

Treasurer's Report – Millie Cappetti

2nd motion Rosemarie F.H

Approved as read

Speaker - Claudia Averette – Good Morning

Changes in the School District of Philadelphia

How many attended the Community Meetings for the Blue Print - Reorganization.

Comment – Not enough notice only 18 hours before the meeting.

Comment – People making decisions are not parents. The parents employ them and they don't get asked. Involve the community and parents that are paying you the money.

Comment – There was not enough parent involvement at the meeting. Needed more parents at the first meeting at the School District.

Comment – No one stays with the vision.

Question – How can you as the H&S be an integral part It needs to be a part of the parents and the community.

There is only one (1) plan not four (4) as is rumored.

Boston Consultant Group (BCG) worked around business practices with transportation. We transport 45,000 kids. Snow days are terrible for transportation. We don't have a great transportation system that works

Schools closing the children need comparable settings.

Comment - Special admit schools we have our standards – we pride ourselves on the smaller classrooms. We don't want to comprise the program.

Parents have pushed back because they want their children in the special admit schools and they are not academically capable.

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Speaker - Helen Gym – Co-founder of Parents United for Education.

We are parents in the School District and we have worked in close relationship with H&S Associations.

How many voted to close the 40 schools? None

We want programs, water that works and the roof fixed. They cannot substantively say what the difference is between the classroom for the next two (2) years.

The problem that we have right now is that we are at the end of the line. A budget is going to pass with or without us.

There is a big question as to what we are going to do as parents. We have been talking over and over again about what parents want. Parents United and in a friendly way with H&S is reaching out to the different H &S Associations. Asking H&S's if they would want to get more information. New York has had four (4) different plans and they are not working.

We need to make a lot of noise at this point. They are going before City Council next week. We love this new SRC they are on a train and they are going to go off the cliff.

There are many Community Meetings going on and we would like to share it with you.

People need to raise up their voices loudly!

Sign-up sheet going around – please sign on.

ELECTION RESULTS –

Ballots were counted by the Chairperson Jacynda Williams, Ms. Green and Delores Brown Waters.

Announced by Delores E. Solomon, President

Incoming Officers for 2012-2014

TREASURER – Millie Cappetti

SECRETARY – Jay Cohen

VICE PRESIDENT – Angela Canady

VICE PRESIDENT – Tyrone Patterson

VICE PRESIDENT – Jeffrey Dickerson

PRESIDENT – Rosemarie F. Hatcher

Tech Support – Trying to work on e-mail technology. We created our own e-mail list system. People fill it out on the web and target people's interest. That can target the schools for information. Anyone interested in that at 10'clock I will meet with anyone to set up an e-mail ad. Family Net has significantly changed in the last month. Now you can see your child's grades before your child's report cards. The issue is that not all of the teacher's are required to do it. My recommendation is go on Family Net.

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Question – what is the utilization of Family Net by the teachers.

Answer – I did the last report and nothing was there.

Answer – It is there this time. If your teacher is not doing it go to the teacher and ask other teachers are doing it why aren't you?

Comment – some of the teachers are not using Family Net.

Meeting is adjourned – at 11:50 am

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Lentz,

Recorder