

January 11, 2010 PT Council Meeting  
Chatsworth School

PT Council Minutes  
(adopted 1/25/2010)

Meeting called to order at 9:25 am.

1. Presentation by Gail Boyle, Chatsworth Principal

Ms. Boyle provided an overview of district "learning walks," which are led monthly on specific, previously-identified topics at each school by Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction Annie Ward. Ms. Boyle presented sample guiding questions such as would be used by the administrators on the walks, and invited PT Council members to break into groups and walk around school, visiting classes and specials to see how the students were engaged.

2. District Budget Update

Rick Marsico advised that answers to Frequently Asked Questions about the budget from the last PT Council meeting and budget sessions have been posted on a new Budget Communications page on the district website. Response from PT Council members was enthusiastic, and units will explore linking to the FAQs from their email newsletters.

3. Update on Superintendent Search

Rick advised that in the last week of January, the school board is scheduled to receive the names of some 15 candidates identified in the superintendent search, and they will interview approximately six of them in the first round. Finalists will be interviewed by the board in February.

4. Race to the Top Funds

Rick also reported that the district signed a memorandum of understanding requested by the state of New York regarding Race to the Top Funds. Of the \$4.3 billion pot of money, New York is eligible to receive \$700 million. New York will hear if it receives the grant in April, and districts would then have 90 days to submit their plans for the funds. The awards to the districts would be based on the allocation of Title I funds, with Mamaroneck eligible to receive \$60,000 and possibly more if some districts choose not to participate.

5. Minutes of 11/23/09 approved.

6. Treasurer's Report was presented by Kristine Budill (attached)

7. Nominating Committee:

Melany Gray announced that it's time to put together a nominating committee for next year's PTC officers. More information will follow at the next meeting, but please contact her if you would like to volunteer for the committee.

8. SEPTA and Murray shared news of upcoming events.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

In attendance:

Cindy Habig, PTC President & Melany Gray, PTC President-Elect

Kristine Budill, Treasurer

Laurie Girsky & Jean Meyerowitz, Communications

Rina Beder, Legislation/Teacher Institute

Jennifer Malherbe & Pam Buchmueller, Central School

Joan Capaldi & Laura Liviccari Herzig, Chatsworth School

Jennifer Vacarro & Lisa Boren, Mamaroneck Avenue School

Tracy Owen & Ann LoBue, Murray School

Lynne Buly & Sherri Rozansky, Mamaroneck High School

Amy Lieberman, SEPTA

Debbie Manetta, District Director of Communications

Rick Marsico, School Board Vice President & PTC Liaison