

# Parent Educator Advisory Council

## PEAC



Newtown, CT  
2019-2020

# PEAC GOALS



*“To promote a partnership between educators and parents that will embrace core values, further a common language for all stakeholders, and support District priorities in the best interest of students.”*

**Dr. Lorrie Rodrigue, Superintendent**

# **PEAC Sub-committees**

**Partnerships**  
**Communications & Branding**  
**Budget**

# Partnerships



## **Team Members:**

Kelly Chok (Newtown parent)

Kimberly Hettenbach (Newtown parent)

Michelle Hiscavich (District Administrator)

Deborah Lubin (Newtown faculty)

Mary Murphy (Newtown parent)

Jenn Padilla (Newtown parent)

# Goal of the Partnership Committee



Bring forward new ideas for partnerships to increase student, parent and community engagement.

These experiences between students and other members of the community will be driven by our district's core values.

# Pilot Year

## Partnership With the Senior Center

- **Hawley:** Mr. Poeltl's 4th Grade Class
- **Middle Gate:** Mrs. Regensburger's 2nd Grade Class
- **Reed:** Mrs. McMahon's 5th Grade Class
- **Middle School:** Ms. Dye's 7th Grade Class

# Mr. Poeltl's 4th Grade Class



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<  The Women's Center of Greater Danbury  
8 hrs · 🌐

9 year old Piper, from Newtown, chose the Women's Center for her community charity project. Please show this young philanthropist your support and let's help her reach her impressive goal of 1,000 items! If you can't donate, please feel free to share this event.



<https://facebook.com/events/595817461156915/?ti=icl>



SUN, DEC 8 AT 10 AM

Piper is collecting donations for Women's Center Greater Danbury

 Like  Comment  Share

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# Vision

- Regularly scheduled experiences with different groups of students
- Voice and Choice for both students and seniors
- Incorporating parents
- Establishing a pathway for future visits
- Seeking grant funding for transportation

# Communication & Branding

## **Team members:**

Janice Gabriel (Newtown faculty, NHS)

Monica Kwarcinski (Newtown parent)

Deborah Mailloux-Petersen (District Administrator)

Nadia Papalia (Language Arts Consultant, NMS)

Denise Strong (Newtown parent)

Laura Terry (Newtown parent)

Lynn Wasik (Newtown parent)

Kathleen Young (Newtown parent)



# Goal of the Communication & Branding Committee

Provide communication to parents and community members that is

PROFESSIONAL

CONSISTENT

ACCESSIBLE



# Already Accomplished



## Reed

Intermediate School  
3 Trades lane  
Newtown, CT 06470  
Phone: (203) 270 - 4880

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## MIDDLE GATE

Elementary School

7 Cold Spring Road  
Newtown, CT 06470  
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Accessibility to school contacts

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- [Middle Gate School Song](#)
- [Middle Gate Minute Newsletters](#)
- [Contact Us](#)

## Contact Information

### Administration/Office Staff/ Health Office

Principal	<a href="#">Christopher Geissler</a>
Lead Teacher	<a href="#">John Sullivan</a>
Administrative Assistant	<a href="#">Laura Altieri</a>
Office Clerk	<a href="#">Cindy Aponte</a>
Nurse	<a href="#">Trish McDonald</a>

### Kindergarten

<a href="#">Tanya LaBonia</a>	<a href="#">[Redacted]</a>
<a href="#">Dori Parniawski</a>	<a href="#">[Redacted]</a>
<a href="#">Ms. Alexa Calo</a>	<a href="#">[Redacted]</a>
<a href="#">Melissa Massett</a>	<a href="#">[Redacted]</a>

### First Grade

<a href="#">Andrea Martinetto</a>	<a href="#">[Redacted]</a>
<a href="#">Mrs. Leanne Connors</a>	<a href="#">[Redacted]</a>
<a href="#">Chandra Salvatore</a>	<a href="#">[Redacted]</a>
<a href="#">Caren Carpiomato</a>	<a href="#">[Redacted]</a>

### Second Grade

<a href="#">Hallie Knapek</a>	<a href="#">[Redacted]</a>
<a href="#">Ms. Courtney Palochick</a>	<a href="#">[Redacted]</a>
<a href="#">Bothany Phillips</a>	<a href="#">[Redacted]</a>
<a href="#">Leslie Regensburger</a>	<a href="#">[Redacted]</a>

### Third Grade

<a href="#">Mrs Colleen Carriero</a>	<a href="#">[Redacted]</a>
<a href="#">Mrs. Robyn Cologna</a>	<a href="#">[Redacted]</a>
<a href="#">Claire DeSisto</a>	<a href="#">[Redacted]</a>
<a href="#">Mrs. Shannon Pierce</a>	<a href="#">[Redacted]</a>



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## About

- [Principal's Message](#)
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- [Reed Intermediate School Mission Statement](#)
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## Contact Information & Staff Directory

<b>Main Office</b>	(203) 270-4880	
Attendance	(203) 270-4862	
Health Office	(203) 270-4883	
Counseling Office	(203) 270-4884	
<b>Administration</b>		
Principal	<a href="#">Marc Correia, Ed.D.</a>	203-270-4576
Assistant Principal	<a href="#">Jill Bonaiuto-Beaudry</a>	203-270-4680
<b>Main Office</b>		
Executive Secretary	<a href="#">Betty McFadden</a>	203-270-4576
Office Secretary	<a href="#">Margaret Rocca</a>	203-270-4880
Office Clerk	<a href="#">Joan Schumitz</a>	203-270-4680
Office Clerk	<a href="#">Maria Dala</a>	203-270-4680
Head Custodian	<a href="#">Damon Pierre</a>	203-949-2637
<b>Health Office</b>		
School Nurse	<a href="#">Deirdre Murphy</a>	203-270-4683
School Nurse	<a href="#">Christine Winner</a>	203-270-4883
<b>Counseling Office</b>		
Counseling Secretary	<a href="#">Mary Donnelly</a>	203-270-4884
School Counselors	<a href="#">Jenny Grusias</a> <a href="#">Amy McGoldrick</a> <a href="#">Jan Welton</a>	<a href="#">My Website</a> <a href="#">My Website</a> <a href="#">My Website</a>
<b>Support Staff</b>		
Social Workers	<a href="#">Hope Bray</a> <a href="#">Kimberly Heran</a>	203-270-4555
Psychologists	<a href="#">Emily DeGrand</a> <a href="#">Sarah Martin, Ph.D.</a>	203-270-4893 203-270-4884 x6706 <a href="#">My Website</a>

### Grade 5 Teachers

**Teaching Partnerships**  
[Jacqueline McMahon](#)  
[Richard Nash](#)

### Content Area / Website

[Reading/Language Arts](#) [My Website](#)  
[Math/Science](#) [My Website](#)



Consistent information provided for each school



# Already Accomplished



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Hawley School



Middle Gate Elementary



Sandy Hook Elementary



Head O'Meadow School



District Office

## News

### Welcome to our new website!

We hope you find the information within helpful and informative. Please note that the menu in the light blue bar at the top of this page provides quick access to frequently sought information and will be present on all of our school pages for your convenience. If labels are not showing at the top, please use the menu icon.

## Announcements

Our next Board of Education Meeting is on December 17, 2019

[District Communications](#)

[New Student Registration](#)

[Pre-School Play Partners Information 2019-2020 \(PDF\)](#)

[District Calendar for 2019-2020 \(PDF\)](#)



Newtown Public Schools  
Events Happening in our District

[Newtown Community Center Winter Programs 2020](#)

[Raymour & Flanigan Paint Night December 5th 2019](#)

[Edible Creations - December 8, 2019 Trinity Church](#)

[Newtown Youth Lacrosse Association 2019-20 Winter Clinics For Grades K-8](#)

[The Joy of Art and Yoga Nidra For Grades K-5](#)

Providing district communication from each landing page for ease of access.

# In Progress

- Updating all contact information and teacher websites
- Instating a uniform signature for all faculty and staff email
  - Name
  - School
  - Content Area/Department
  - E-mail
  - School website url
  - School Phone Number/Ext (if applicable)

# Future Focus



Creating a branding video highlighting the accomplishments of our students, educational programs, and extracurricular activities to show community members the positive impact of Newtown Public Schools

# Budget Team:

## **Team members:**

Jordana Bloom, Newtown parent

Michelle Y. Failla, (Newtown faculty and HE & PE Coordinator)

Chris Geissler, Middle Gate Elementary School Principal

Dr. Christianne Golesky, Newtown parent

Laura Poidomani, Newtown parent

# Budget Committee Goals:

- To increase community engagement and awareness in the budget process.
- To increase voter turnout for the budget vote in April.





# School Budget Vote

The **School Budget Vote** experience is designed to mirror the voting process for students in a meaningful way. Our goal is to garner enthusiasm across our school communities that will transfer and support our district budget priorities. Students will have VOICE and CHOICE then display their “I voted today sticker” to wear home.



## Learning Intentions

- Students will participate in a real life vote on something related to their school's budget.
- Each school will customize an experience that is organic and meaningful to their school community.
- There will be a three week lead up for the vote with the presumption that there will be an increase in at home conversations around the vote.
- Students will mirror the experience of their families on the day of the district budget vote.
- School communities will learn and be aware of the civic voting opportunity for the students.

# Social Media Presence

## Committee Parents:

- Promote budget support through social media
- Use hashtags on voting day

## Superintendent:

- Visual budget video



- Parent driven budget support messages through social media
- Visual budget video created to pair with district branding and messaging

# Stakeholder Involvement

- Share budget with staff at the building level
- Administrators share school priorities with community
- SUPER Spotlight of student learning at board meetings



- Administrators share the school budget process with stakeholders
- Customized by building
- Committee collaboration with school PTAs



## Student Budget Votes

- School-wide vote held in each school on the budget day
- Organic to school budgets and priorities

- Student voice and choice
- Whole school vote
- Budget connection
- I voted stickers for schools
- Customized by school
- 2-3 week lead up (April)

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# Budget Committee Timeline

