

**RESOLUTION
OF WPS60 PARENT-TEACHER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REQUESTING EQUITABLE TREATMENT BY
FROM THE WAUKEGAN COMMUNITY UNIT #60 SCHOOL DISTRICT**

June 18, 2020

WHEREAS, outside agencies like the Boys and Girls Club and the Waukegan Police Department have had release-of-directory-information opt-out forms in the Handbook; and

WHEREAS, the administration removed PTAC's recommendation that a release-of-information with opt-out from the Handbook that was presented to the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, staff administrators of Waukegan Community Unit #60 School District have presented obstacles to communication between the Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee and the parents of the community; and

WHEREAS, staff administrators of Waukegan Community Unit #60 School District have presented obstacles to communication between the Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee and the various employees of the school district; and

WHEREAS, staff administrators of Waukegan Community Unit #60 School District have instructed employees of the district not to accept communication or act on communication from members of PTAC other than the co-chairs who answer to the superintendent and other administrators; and

WHEREAS, the chair (in past years) and co-chairs have failed in their responsibilities as chairs by refusing to act on behalf of PTAC in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, examples of this include failing to send communications from PTAC and withholding information from PTAC; and

WHEREAS, the Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee ("PTAC") serves this Board of Education as a community advisory committee; and

WHEREAS, the PURPOSE of a community advisory committee is to provide advice and guidance to the Board of Education from voices other than those of the superintendent; and

WHEREAS, attempts to stifle communication from parents to the Board of Education run counter to the purpose of community committees; and

WHEREAS, co-chairs of the Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee are staff administrators whose superintendent, superiors or supervisors in their work environment may direct the co-chairs to act against the public community votes and public community voices of the Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, PTAC as a community advisory committee lifts up the voices of parents, students, and teachers so that the Board of Education has access to those voices; and

WHEREAS, PTAC welcomes public participation (and the possibility of membership) of parents, students, community members, and any interested parties at all meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education misrepresents (with enough vagueness to provide deniability) some of its own initiatives to be those of the Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, communications from PTAC have been consistently censored, edited, and distorted by the administration; and

WHEREAS, communications have been materially altered by employees of the School District such that the Documents no longer serve the Waukegan parents, families or teachers as intended by the Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee (PTAC) respectfully requests that the Board of Education direct that:

1. A Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee release-of-directory-information form (opt-out) (“the Release”) be added to the Handbook immediately; and
2. The Release be immediately included to the printed version of the Handbook; and
3. A separate communication be sent to all families with the Release if the Handbook has already entered the printing process; and
4. Co-chairs of PTAC be advised that they shall have 48 hours within which to deliver messages approved by PTAC to whomever the message is addressed; and
5. Co-chairs of PTAC be advised that they shall have 48 hours within which to share communications received on behalf of PTAC to the members of the Executive Committee; and
6. Co-chairs of PTAC be advised that they shall deliver redacted versions of all messages to the membership of PTAC; and
7. All rules and policies propounded by administrators that only affect PTAC and no other community committee be immediately rescinded.