

12/17/15 Cultural Enrichment & Field Trip Committee

Meeting Minutes

Present: Heather Amabile, Paola Monsalve, Jen Carbaugh, Marisa O'Leary

Member Reports:

- Marisa advised she and Mia met with Emily Timmel from the Westchester Children's Museum to discuss their after-school educational programs. The program is designed for a maximum of 20 students, with a cost of \$150/per child for 8-10 week 1 hour sessions (programs include DNA Detectives, Solar Race Cars, Ancient Egypt, etc.). This information was shared with Dr. Fine and he will explore bringing it to Hillcrest through their Community School Initiative.
As Peekskill is a high needs district, Emily volunteered to arrange for museum membership passes to be on loan at the library in each school in the district. Also discussed the possibility of bringing exhibits into the school to have on display for parents and students.
- Mia presented the Girls Who Code Club to Dr. Fine and Dan Callahan (Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education). Mr. Callahan advised that he would like to see the program offered first at the middle school, as the high school currently does not offer many computer science opportunities. He does however anticipate that within 3 years this will change. He and Dr. Fine will research the feasibility of offering the club through the LEAP program. More information to follow.
- At the last PTO Executive Committee meeting it was decided that offering an enrichment performance at one of the general PTO meetings (most likely in late Spring) may help increase parent attendance. Heather, Paolo and Jen will research potential performances and report back at the January meeting.

Adjournment:

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 21st at 6:30 pm at the PKMS library.