

4/4/2016 Peekskill CSD PTO Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes

Present: Ro Sibrizzi, Margery Rossi, Ha Wallace, Robert Brownell, Isabel Pipolo, Branwen MacDonald, Al Ferony (*Hillcrest*), Marisa Anzovino (*Hillcrest*), Ana Budds (*Uriah Hill*), Liz Lazo, Mia Shervington, David Fine, Marisa O'Leary

3/7/16 Minutes:

Minutes from the 3/7/16 meeting were approved unanimously.

President's Report:

- Thanks to all who helped with the Music in Our Schools Month district-wide concert- huge success
- Good work team on the upcoming Wizards Game
- By-laws were revised- decided that Officer term limits not necessary to include, **Marisa will email them out to Executive Committee- anyone wishing to provide feedback must do so no later than this Friday, April 8th**

Treasurer's Report:

Please see attached reports

- Art to Remember Fundraiser at Woodside has grossed \$3,000 in sales (excluding online sales)
- 100 discounted Wizards tickets sold out in 20 minutes at the district-wide concert last week
- Ha & Marisa met with Robin Zimmerman, Asst. Superintendent of Business, this morning regarding an equitable distribution of the \$25,000 in funds PTO has designated for Cultural Enrichment & Field Trips
- PTO will offer an appreciation lunch to all 580 staff persons
- IT was suggested that staff providing administrative assistance be given a gift certificate to local business that is supportive of the PTO (such as Division Street Grill)

SEPTO:

- Sheryl Frishman, Esq. will be presenting at the high school library tomorrow, 4/5, at 7 pm- will cover planning for the future when you have a loved one with special needs
- Basketball Clinic is coming all- 15 kids have signed up, many volunteers have been secured but still working on soliciting high school student coaches
- Preparing for Annual Difference Day (June 7th)- event will take place at Hillcrest, but asking students district-wide to participate by wearing something different such as

mismatched socks to encourage dialogue about differences. A poster is being developed- once available Ro will send to Isabel to post on PTO website/social media.

Committee Reports:

Advocacy:

- Moderator has been secured for the BOE Candidate forum
- Forum needs to be advertised- start with a Save the Date, later advertise with the candidates' bios
- Once confirmed candidates have been identified a formal invitation to the forum should go out to them (3 seats are up)
- PTO will consider purchasing generic "Support Your Schools, Vote Yes" signs- Branwen will research cost (if purchased, signs can be stored in designated PTO room at admin building)

Communications:

Please see attached report

- Need to come up with a reasonable plan for vetting photos of district students through Laura Belfiore so that they can then be posted to the PTO website and social media- in the meantime can also take photos from district page & post to PTO's since they've already been vetted
- Suggested that photos be posted under committee sections to provide a visual of their work

Cultural Enrichment:

Please see attached report

- Would like to set up a planning meeting for 2016-2017 school year with building principals- date to be determined
- Marisa & Ha met with Robin Zimmerman this morning and were informed that the district has funds specifically allocated for field trip transportation- therefore PTO does not need to fund

Finance:

Please see attached report

Fundraising:

- All 100 of discounted Wizards game tickets sold out, as well as 8 general tickets and 6 reserved seats
- PTO can now accept credit/debit cards
- Wizards game flyers will go out prior to 4/20 (day Wizards' school visits)
- 50 court-side seats available

- Stop & Shop A+ Rewards program has closed for the year- we earned \$1,018.39- another big push to enroll in program will take place next fall when program reopens

Volunteer Coordination:

Please see attached report

- Are there any book fairs scheduled for the Spring?- if so Isabel needs the dates & to know if PTO volunteers are needed to help, **Dr. Fine will follow up with building principals on this**
- Discussion on whether or not Wizards tickets will be sold at Parent-Teacher conferences- Mia moved that the discussion be held with Fundraising Committee
- Volunteers are needed at Hillcrest from 3:00 – 4:00 pm every Friday- talk to Al Ferony if interested

Building Reports:

Uriah Hill:

Please see attached report

- Clarification that transportation request for Bear Mountain field trip needs to be submitted to Robin Zimmerman (not PTO)
- UH will be asking for a \$10 per child parent contribution to cover costs of Bear Mountain carousel, ice pops and supplies needed for end of year graduation- **once money has been collected PTO must be notified so it can be counted and deposited into PTO account for accountability/transparency purposes**

Woodside:

Please see attached report

- **Marisa will follow up with Denise about getting chocolate bars to the school**

Oakside:

Please see attached report

- **PTO needs itemized budget re: request for financial support with refreshments**

Hillcrest:

Please see attached report

- **PTO needs itemized budget re: request for financial support with cookie trays**

PKMS:

Please see attached report

- **Volunteers needed for Twilight and Stay-Awake-Athon events**

- Career Day is April 27th- **please send PTO itemized budget on what is needed for refreshments**

PHS:

Please see attached report

- **PTO will post regents prep on website/social media**
- Arbor Day- PTO purchasing 3 trees that will be planted that day

Superintendent's Report:

- District-wide concert and LEAP Living Legacy Awards big success
- Varsity Softball (1st win in 3 years) and Spring sports have started- eligibility program
- Professional development courses begin in TRICA, Spanish and Balanced Literacy
- PHS students participating in Pen Pals program with students in Spain, as well as a Docent Program at HVCCA
- Joanne Clark recognized by the City, Pete Peterson Recognized as Unsung Hero
- Dr. Fine will be going to the Peekskill Senior Center to offer discounted tickets to the production of Hairspray (will include a special brunch)
- Former Peekskill Superintendent Judith Johnson appointed to Board of Regents, will be touring the PCSD buildings with Dr. Fine & will also attend Hairspray performance
- Peekskill HS cheerleaders- first time in tournament
- PKMS and the Chemist Challenge- 2 to the final round!
- Students participated in the HVCAA *I'm Tired* project
- Athletic Council has been created- PTO supported basketball clinic that took place this past Saturday
- Mental Health staff will be presenting at the April General PTO meeting
- Robin Zimmerman created a model for PTO to use to equitably distribute funds to support Cultural Enrichment and Field Trips at each school (based on per pupil model)

Old Business:

- \$2,000 of funds in the District PTO account had previously been allocated to purchase a portable scoreboard- **would like to revisit this- Liz will research logistics**
- Need to close out the Oakside PTO bank account- **Ha will reach out to Sam Ali to do so**

New Business:

- Marisa distributed official notices re: requirement of **all committee Chairs to submit an annual report, outlining activities/accomplishments and evaluation of activities/suggestions for next year, at the next Executive Committee meeting on May 2nd**
- Peekskill Parks Clean-Up- can we expand to get more students involved, get some publicity behind it to offset negative social media posts about students littering? **Dr. Fine will get information to schools & encourage participation**
- **We will set a date at our next Executive Committee meeting to discuss/evaluate the first year with our new model**

- Building report form needs to be modified to state that if requesting PTO funds, a budget must be attached

Respectfully Submitted,

Marisa O'Leary

Peekskill CSD PTO Secretary