

12/15/16 PTO Cultural Enrichment & Field Trip Committee

Meeting Minutes

Present: Jean Dwyer (teacher), Kevin Dwyer (teacher), Vilma Lesmo (parent), Denise Lopez (parent), Mia Shervington (parent), Jen Carbaugh (parent), Victoria Kravitz (parent), Marisa O’Leary (parent)

Author/Illustrator Day:

- Pat Schories (Biscuit Books Illustrator) has been confirmed for UH on April 26th- she will give 2 45-minute presentations
- Oakside has expressed an interest in having author Jason Edwards
- Hillcrest expressed an interest in Kwame Alexander however his fee \$10,000 and therefore not within budget
- PKMS is interested in Mike Vago
- Minh Uong (political cartoonist) has been confirmed for PHS on April 24th, PHS will also have Ibrahim Saddiq (spoken word artist) back and has also expressed an interest in having author Mike Vago speak with students as well (possibly collaborate with PKMS as they are interested in Mike as well)

Uriah Hill:

- Moving forward with the Westchester Children’s Museum field trip- they are willing to accommodate all 7 classes- Jen will make sure that photos are taken on the trip & that students make thank you cards for museum
- Based on feedback from last CE & FT meeting, Ms. Vargas has reached out to a local yoga instruction and she will be coming in to work with students
- Ms. Vargas welcomed Victoria Kravitz’s offer to create a Butterfly Program for students- Victoria also offering to create a cereal box books project (ties into mission of literacy)

Woodside:

- Kindergarten classes will be going to the Mid-Hudson Children’s Museum on April 3rd and June 12th- transportation department has yet to respond to Victoria’s request for an invoice for the cost of transportation for the trip
- Kindergarten programming- Hibernation on January 6th & 12th, and Wildlife on March 21st & 30th (paid for by grant)
- First grade programming- Nature Scavenger Hunt on March 22nd & 24th, and Wildlife CSI on March 28th & 29th (paid for by grant)

- Native American programming- Victoria will reach out to the organizer of the pow wow at FDR Park

Oakside:

- 3rd grade will be going to Jacob Burns Film Center twice this year (fully funded thru grant)
- 2nd & 3rd graders will be going to Teatown for their maple sugaring program (fully funded thru grant)
- 2nd grade Legoland trip- if we want to send the whole grade literacy program cannot be offered- requests can be made for a bilingual presenter & for needs of inclusion classes
- 3rd grade field trip to Museum Village in Monroe- can accommodate up to 300 students in 1 day- Jean will talk to Mrs. Woodley however about splitting the trip into 2 days
- Classes are taking walking trips to Peekskill Police Department
- It was suggested that more walking trips, specifically to Field Library, be encouraged
- Mia reached out to the Paramount to inquire about students going to see The Nutcracker dress rehearsal however she did not receive a response
- Victoria advised that the National Park Service has free programming with an emphasis on 3rd & 4th grade programs

Hillcrest:

- Box Out Bullying Assembly will take place for 4th graders
- Marisa will be meeting with the team of teachers involved with planning enrichment programs & field trips- Special Events Committee would like to piggyback on this meeting

PKMS:

- Jacob Burns Film Center offers programming to school- afterschool program for group of 8 students- \$120/student cost, Image, Sound & Story- professional development program for teachers, Classroom to Screening Room- one time film screening opportunity for students (all information has been shared with Mr. Lewis)
- Author recently visited school & was paid for thru LEAP funds-staff reminded of the benefit of booking artists through BOCES to build our aid for 2017-2018
- Michelle Luongo, Literacy Specialist, has been invited to participate in CE & FT meetings

PHS:

- Beginning in January 10-15 students will participate in Theater Tech classes at Paramount (thru Arts10566 program)

- **Summit Academy-** students saw Othello the Remix, going to see Raisin in the Sun on March 14th, will be going to Lake Compounce, & also to DCC, Monroe & Education First, trying to rejuvenate foreign exchange program

Action Items:

- Marisa will enquire with Robin Zimmerman why elementary schools do not use charter buses for field trips since they have less time restrictions and are often less expensive than using the district's own company
- Mia will get more information on Women's Summit that will be held at Summit
- Victoria has created a CE & FT calendar that can be used district-wide, contains process for booking thru BOCES- looking for feedback on how to make more useful
- Victoria has also created a 90-page live document listing enrichment programming & field trips that can be accessed by our district

Next Meeting:

Next meeting will take place on January 19th at 6:30 pm at PKMS Library

Respectfully Submitted,

Marisa O'Leary