

11/10/16 PTO Cultural Enrichment & Field Trip Committee

Meeting Minutes

Present: Heather Amabile (*parent*), Jen Carbaugh (*parent*), Mia Shervington (*parent*), Victoria Kravitz (*parent*), Jean Dwyer (*Oakside teacher*), Kevin Dwyer (*PHS teacher*), Barbie Altorfer (*parent*), Marisa O'Leary (*parent*)

Member Reports:

Author/Illustrator Day: Vilma has been in touch with Todd Newby (PHS ELA Chair) & there is an interest in having political cartoonist Minh Vong speak to their students. Minh is not interested in registering with BOCES, and is asking for a \$500 honorarium. This fee must be authorized by Mr. Arthur, as it must be paid out of the high school's CE budget. Mike Vago is an author, who is already registered with BOCES, who would be willing to work with PHS- he also charges a \$500 honorarium. Another suggestion for PHS is Jade Dostkow- local author that Victoria referred. Dates for the high school are flexible- April 4,6,19,20,25. Middle school- Vilma shared authors/illustrators that are willing to speak to PHS students with Mr. Lewis as possibly both schools could be booked. Vilma also shared with him Coleen Murtagh Paratore's (Roar Like A Girl) information. Oakside- recommended authors/illustrators: Kevin Henkes, Patricia Polacco, Jean Marzolo and Jame Howe. UH- coordinating with Pat Schories (*Biscuit Books*). Woodside/Hillcrest- no further information.

Uriah Hill:

- Mrs. Vargas disappointed in amount of CE & FT budget this year, as UH students don't have the benefit of art, music or science classes like the other elementary schools
- Jen gave Mrs. Vargas information on free programs offered by the MTA
- 2 Beth & Scott Bierkos programs have been booked

Woodside:

- Not all first graders were able to go on the field trip to Wilkens Farm due to rain- those that did not will be offered an alternate trip in the Spring- most likely Bear Mountain

Oakside:

- 2nd grade- Legoland Trip (most likely program targeting literacy)- offer teacher training nights- all plans are linked to common core curriculum
- 3rd grade- Museum Village in Monroe
- Other ideas: Is there a dress rehearsal for the 12/17 Nutcracker performance at the Paramount? Van Cortlandt Manor programs?

- BOCES Madden Visits: 2nd grade: March 2nd- Native American program, May- Cray Fish program, 3rd grade: February- Amazing Journey of H2O, June- Camouflage & Warning in Butterflies

Hillcrest:

- 4th grade: Nutcracker performance
- 5th grade: NY Philharmonic performance
- Marisa received an email from teacher Val Valenzuela advising that the teachers would like for students to take monthly trips but need to fund raise for this- asked for PTO's help- Marisa explained PTO's \$25,000 donation to the district this year to support CE & FT
- Explore FDR Parks

PKMS:

- No report

PHS:

- 10th graders going to Holocaust Museum

FDR House- covers anything that occurred during WWII

Event Evaluation Form:

- Barbie updated the form, please encourage teachers to distribute to other teachers and parents after each field trip and/or enrichment program- results used when planning for next year

Arts in Ed Position:

- Marisa received clarification on the role of the district's Arts in Ed position- person has been hired to oversee all federal grants and will handle the paperwork aspect of booking BOCES programs- this person is not researching potential grants and/or arts in ed programs for the district

Collection/Counting of Field Trip Contributions:

- Marisa was informed that PTO can continue to charge/collect \$10/student field trip contributions this year, but this may be changed next year. It is auditing issue for district to have cash coming into the schools. District will look into budget to see if the \$25,000 the PTO donates toward CE & FT could be covered by other funds. Marisa will keep everyone posted.

Action Items:

- Jen will speak to Mrs. Vargas about new yoga studio in Peekskill to see if she's be interested in having the teacher come into UH, if so she will reach out to the yoga studio
- Jen will follow up on status of Pat Schories at UH
- Mia will follow up with Mrs. Woodley re: author Jason Edwards at Oakside
- Victoria volunteered to put together a butterfly-related art program for UH- Jen will present idea to Mrs. Vargas & will then get back to Victoria re: whether they would like 1 40-minute program or 2 20-minute programs
- Heather will research when Wilkens Farms begins booking trips for the following year
- Victoria will send Marisa information on gardening grants
- Victoria will share information on Target grant to help with bussing (approximately \$600)
- Victoria will send Marisa transportation rate sheet she was sent & Marisa will upload to google docs
- Barbie will email Kevin EMS/Fire Department information
- Victoria will look into how other districts handle parent CE & FT contributions
- Marisa will follow up with Vilma re: authors included in the WLS as well as clarify status of communication with author Jade Dostkow

Next Meeting:

December 15th at 6:30 pm at PKMS library