

1/9/17 PTO Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes

Present: Margery Rossi, Denise Lopez, Ha Wallace, Branwen MacDonald, Trish O’Sullivan, Jen Carbaugh, Bob Brownell, Mia Shervington, Indiana Davis, Vernita Mosley, Isabel Pipolo, Ro Sibrizzi, Nancy Flaherty, Marisa O’Leary, David Fine

12/5/16 Minutes:

Minutes were unanimously accepted

President’s Report:

Happy New Year to all, thank you for all of your help & let’s finish out the school year strong

Treasurer’s Report:

We are currently behind budget, a major fundraiser is needed

SEPTO’s Report:

- Not as many attendees this year at Breakfast with Santa event as in years past, but still successful
- Starting to work on this year’s basketball clinic- reaching out to coaches to select a date

New Business- General Meeting Structure:

- Mission Statement- enriching academics, building bridges between parents & teachers and advocating for excellence in education for every student- this year’s focus on building bridges
- Pros to current meeting structure: offering a lot of PD, a lot of communication regarding meetings (flyer, email, ConnectEd calls)
- Cons to current meeting structure: missing bridge building, not meeting all parents’ needs, need precise answer(s) to who we are, what does it mean to be “engaged,” PTO business/focus has become secondary to meeting content
- New model for January meeting (February meeting is the district open house): Fidelis Care will offer child care, snacks provided, translation provided (district has digital translation headsets), committees in need of volunteers/assistance explicitly ask for parent/staff help, parents will break out into school-based groups to speak with principals
- Proposed Agenda:
Intro/Welcome (6:30 – 6:45 pm): update on PTO activities/events, solicit volunteers & feedback

Building Break Out (6:45 – 7:30 pm): parents hear from principals, opportunity to address specific inquiries from parents

Final Wrap Up (7:30 – 8:00 pm): roundtable sharing of break-out sessions, sharing of future meeting topic ideas

Superintendent's Report:

- MLK Event this Sunday, 1/5 at Cortlandt Colonial Terrace at 4:00 pm
- Alumni PHS basketball game at 3:00 pm on Saturday, 1/14
- Hillcrest is holding its Literacy Launch
- April 29th is the Senior Citizen Brunch (sponsored by PTO) prior to HS spring production matinee
- Next Superintendent's Breakfast on Saturday, January 21st at 9:00 am in BOE room
- Chamber Awards Dinner on Saturday, January 28th
- NAACP Event: Bean Runner at 10:00 am
- Dr. Fine & Branwen going to Albany on January 10th to speak with legislator about our district's needs and the importance of supporting foundation aid- all will be given information packets & shown video of teachers & students speaking about district

Building Reports:

All can be accessed in shared google drive

Committee Reports:

All can be accessed in shared google drive

Class Parent Program: proposing that the class parents organize a weekly bake sale to take place on Fridays at pick up at Woodside & Oakside for a suggested 12 week period- all proceeds will go to the PTO- Dr. Fine will look into & get back

Special Events: Parents Night Out event- proposed date February 11th from 3:30 – 6:30 pm at PKMS, Jamie Rossi is chairing the event, Fidelis Care will provide child care- Mia will speak to Jamal to see if building is open until 6:30 pm & report back. Would like to organize a Prep Rally at the elementary schools in June, using turnkey curriculum provided by Save the Children, in recognition of National Safety Date- Dr. Fine will review curriculum & get back. Budget needed- it was decided that \$1,000 can be allocated for Special Events for January – June 2017.

Fundraising: will be running a spring flower bulb catalog fundraiser

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. Next meeting will take place on February 6th at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marisa O'Leary, Secretary

Peekskill CSD PTO