

5/8/17 PTO Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes

Present: Margery Rossi, Denise Lopez, Isabel Pipolo, Vernita Mosley, Robert Brownell, Mia Shervington, Branwen MacDonald, Carmen Vargas, Jenna Ferris, Rachel Rice, Marisa O'Leary, Dr. Licopoli

4/24/17 Minutes:

Minutes from the 4/24/17 Executive Committee meeting were unanimously accepted.

President's Report:

Thank you for everyone's continued attendance at meetings.

Treasurer's Report:

No report

SEPTO's Report:

No report

Committee Reports:

Advocacy: *report in shared google drive*

Class Parents: *no report*

Communications: *report in shared google drive*

Cultural Enrichment & Field Trips: *report in shared google drive*

Finance: *no report*

Fundraising: *no report*

Special Events: *report in shared google drive; vote needs to occur regarding movie licensing fee (\$470) for next year- must take into account that PTO will be charged facilities use fees, Mia will meet with Dr. Licopoli and Robin Zimmerman to further discuss fees*

****All committees are complete an annual evaluation and develop an estimated budget for 2017-2018 school year- information will be presented at the June 12th Executive Committee meeting.**

Building Reports:

Uriah Hill: *report in shared google drive*, over 300 hundred individuals attended the carnival- over \$1,000 raised, *Biscuit Books* illustrator Pat Schories' visit was a huge success, thank you to the PTO for all of your support, 7 spots for 2017-2018 are still open- please help spread the word that the registration deadline has been extended and that the slots need to be filled.

Woodside: *no report*

Oakside: *no report*

Hillcrest: *report in shared google drive*, requesting assistance with \$150 to rent gas grill for field days on June 15th & 16th- **Marisa will follow up with Ha on this.**

PKMS: *no report*

PHS: *report in shared google drive*, Regents review classes on Tuesdays & Thursdays- over 150 students participating, May 10th is the Young Docent programs at HVCCA, Summit students will be going to Harlem Repertory Theater on May 9th to see *A Raisin in the Sun*, Seniors will take place again & will include all of the schools this year & May 22nd is the district annual art show @ WCC at 6:00 pm.

****Fundraising Idea Shared: Peekskill Pride gear- t-shirts & elite socks, could be sold at various school events**

Superintendent's Report:

- Shared observation- PTO is much more empowered and engaged than it was 2 years ago
- School system is in really good shape in regard to literacy, elective courses, re-designed core teams, light house & teacher leaders, pushing in professional development, etc.
- Staff feedback on new Superintendent- not looking for a change agent, want someone who is willing to work to support/enhance the system that's in place
- Admin is working hard to address the enrichment needs of elementary school students- would like to see a daily enrichment period at both Oakside & Hillcrest
- RFP will soon be going out for the search firm for next Superintendent- realistically new person will not be in place until July 1, 2018 if he/she is a seated Superintendent, possibly Jan.- July 2018 if he/she is a seated Asst. Superintendent- recommended to the BOE that a steering committee be created to assist with the search to ensure transparency- could take on a *World Café* style approach. 1 or 2 weeks after BOE election, hope to meet with BOE, and incoming BOE members, to discuss interim plan, etc.

Old Business:

- BOE Candidate forum: good questions, time well kept, well-moderated, liked that questions were submitted in writing vs. from the mic/podium & suggested that we request Lisa Cohen as the moderator of next year's forum. Denise stored in the PTO room the color-coded time signs she created. **Trish will put all info and ground rules from this year's forum in the google drive to serve as a guide for next year.**

- Feedback from staff appreciation luncheons at the schools: request for side salads, next year offer just cookies rather than cake, flow went well, we had enough food for all & vegetarian option appreciated. It was suggested that we think of something to do to thank our evening custodians since they're not in the buildings during lunch periods. **Isabel will write up a mini instruction manual for future staff appreciation events which includes quantities, supplies needed, etc.**
- PTO Nominations Committee: Margery, Bob & Jen are planning to meet next week, nominations have been submitted for President, but have yet to receive nominations for Secretary
- Budget Vote lawn signs: only got back 23 of the 50 that went out last year- need to remind everyone to return them, Isabel's husband made removable vote date stickers for this year's signs. **Branwen will create a lawn sign sign-out/retrieval procedure and post in google drive.**
- Budget Vote reminder: make announcement at Hillcrest concert that evening (taking place at the high school), principals can create a newsletter to go out to parents that contains budget vote & BOE election reminder, Branwen will send out a Time to Vote social media post. **Next year PTO should vote on whether or not we want to publicly advertise "vote yes" on budget.**
- May General PTO meeting: will take place on May 24th at the high school- presentation will be in line with Mental Health Awareness month & will be more of a dialogue forum- **Dr. Licopoli will follow up with Ellen Hackett re: more definitive meeting description**

New Business:

- 2017-2018 Committees: Denise & Yolanda Guardino will Chair Fundraising as Indiana & Vernita are stepping down, most likely will need to **find new Chair(s) of Advocacy- Branwen will reach out to some parents with younger children who may be interested,** Special Events and Cultural Enrichment & Field Trips in process of evaluation roles/functions
- Officers would like to recognize executive committee & active working committee members' hard work this year. **A special thank you event will take place on Monday, June 19th at 6:30 pm at the Steel Imaginations Gallery (1 S. Division Street- upstairs from the Chamber of Commerce).**

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm. Next meeting will take place on Monday, June 12th at 6:30 pm at the administration building.