

**December 4, 2017 PTO Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

**BOE Conference Room, School Administration Bldg. 6:35pm**

**Present:** Randi Alberino, Eric Rekada, Branwen MacDonald, Randy Lichtenwalner, Mary Foster, Yolanda Guardino, Robert Brownell, Vernita Mosley, Carmen Vargas, Colleen Hardiman, Isabel Pipolo, Denise Lopez, Jen Carbaugh, Marisa O’Leary, Mia Shervington, Ha Wallace, Margery Rossi, Jamal Lewis, Staci Woodley, Victoria Cairl

**Welcome/Introductions**

**Minutes Accepted**

**President’s Report:**

- Thanks to all who attended
- Thanks to Isabel for organizing and staffing book fairs

**Treasurer’s Report:**

- Money for book fairs deposited; still collecting for Cherrydale; see report in google drive

**Committee Reports:**

- **Advocacy:** conference call with AQE; discussed equity assessment; appointment with Senator Murphy on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Suggested each school have children write letters to Senator with “I love this about my school, we need ...” all grades PK-12; principals will organize and get letters by Dec 13<sup>th</sup>.
- **Class Parents:** going well; still recruiting parents into program
- **Communications:** discussed finalizing language for spirit gear flyer; discussed clay studios fundraiser, **Marisa will follow up**; discussed whether PTO is absorbing PEF, still unsure. report in google drive
- **Finance:** no report
- **Fundraising:** Art teacher is requesting other volunteers to handle ART to remember fundraiser; discussed issues with Cherrydale fundraiser: need better way to distribute items, especially refrigerated items. Fundraiser lost money; discussed pocketbook bingo fundraiser, Yolanda is looking for donated space to hold event; hoodie sweatshirts now available. Report in google drive
- **Special Events/Enrichment:** Mathnasium will have event at future PTO meeting as childcare; special thank you to interact and robotics team for last meeting; discussion figuring out a more efficient way to recruit and coordinate volunteers tabled until summer planning meeting; discussed sponsorships for Wizards game so more tickets would be purchased. Report in google drive

**Septo:** Not in attendance- Bagels with Santa event cancelled as conflict with free event at Paramount

### **Building Updates:**

- **Woodside:** Dr. Seuss kick-off going well; gave feedback regarding changing location of PTO meetings when they are “town hall” format as was difficult to hear in auditorium; special thanks to Isabel for book fairs; will be holding non-perishable item food drive in spring; multi-cultural potluck on Jan 5th
- **Hillcrest:** Thanked PTO for book fair and water station; discussed reading program and #Hillcrest Reading Rock Stars; success of food truck; concert Dec 18<sup>th</sup>; afterschool program; hanging at Hillcrest movie night, the Polar Express
- **Oakside:** Barnes and Noble Event was a success; thanks to Isabel for book fair; working on grant for community farm
- **PKMS:** discussed positivity initiatives- begin with a positive note, be the reason someone smiles today; chalkboard students write “a reason I smiled today...”; each grade on separate floor of building, grades highest ever at PKMS since that change; author visit for 8<sup>th</sup> graders; afterschool program for underperforming students
- **Uriah Hill:** Upcoming events: Mom’s Day; holiday concerts; special thank you to Jen for class parents at U.H.; discussed parent coordinator, Orfa Fuentes, who assists supplying needy families with food and clothing and advocacy committee possibly helping to coordinate more suppliers

### **Superintendent’s Report:**

- Discussed strategic planning for district; mini-process so new Superintendent has idea of community needs and wants; will ask for volunteers from community (Jan 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>), comments needed by Dec 19<sup>th</sup>

**PFA Update:** Not in attendance

### **BOE update:**

- No report

### **New Business:**

Discussed speakers for Jan 4<sup>th</sup> general meeting: Family Ties (**Randi will follow up**), New Era Creative Space (**Vik will follow up**), Peekskill Youth Bureau (**Vernita will follow up**), each will speak for approx. 10 minutes and take questions; honor Mike (custodian at district building) for all of his help with PTO meetings and events

### **Old Business:**

- Budget: advertise how PTO actually spends money; conversation for future meeting; **Marisa will get clarifications about actual money**

**Adjournment:** 8:50pm

Next meeting March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Admin Building