

March 5, 2018 PTO Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

BOE Conference Room, School Administration Bldg. 6:40pm

Present: Randi Alberino, Branwen MacDonald, Randy Lichtenwalner, Mary Foster, Robert Brownell, Vernita Mosley, Carmen Vargas, Colleen Hardiman, Isabel Pipolo, Jen Carbaugh, Mia Shervington, Margery Rossi

Welcome/Introductions

Minutes Accepted

President's Report:

- Thanks to Core Values talk committee
- Report in google drive

Treasurer's Report:

- Report in google drive

Committee Reports:

- **Advocacy:** Report in google drive
- **Class Parents:** Report in google drive
- **Communications:** reducing email newsletter to two times per month; Valentine's initiative was a huge success, will post a photo gallery of all valentines; Spanish translator on PTO site free trial has ended, **Isabel will price out for a permanent plan**
- **Finance:** Report in google drive
- **Fundraising:** Not present/No Report
- **Special Events/Enrichment:** Still seeking sponsorships from Peekskill businesses for Wizard's game as well as volunteers for the event; need volunteers for literacy night; Need volunteers for PTO table at events

SEPTO:

- Not present/no report

Building Updates:

- **Woodside:** Dr. Seuss's birthday; pennies for patients fundraiser until March 16th; Mrs. Hoagland taking on ART to remember; 5 students sent artwork to city hall, 1 winner will have lunch with Mayor Rainey, artwork will be displayed in various places in Peekskill; Multicultural potluck was a big success with a great turn-out of families; In participation with Oakside, a nutritional workshop was held for parents; Thanks to PTO for providing snacks for workshop
- **Hillcrest:** Discussed Wild and Crazy Gameshow; Box out bullying; visit from Charlie the police dog; band and strings concert; mobile food pantry
- **Oakside:** Oakside's 50th birthday celebration; James Taylor (ex-principal) came to talk to the children; Literacy night March 12th; Cultural enrichment opportunities still being investigated
- **Uriah Hill:** Reading initiative, Reading Takes you Places, Train car artwork with books that have been read are displayed throughout the school; Library is open – special thanks to PTO for book drive; spring trip to

Children's Museum in Poughkeepsie, children will be going on Metro-North Trains; Students from Academy help with events and come into classrooms, some pre K students go to Summit classrooms; Planning for Carnival ongoing; Special thanks to Randi for clothes donations to Parent Center and to Jenn for Class Parents

Superintendent's Report:

- PHS Drama dept. received a 10k grant from NBC for the theatre program, one of two schools in New York State to receive; Discussed H.S. and Middle School students are creating a plan for honoring students who were killed in the Parkland, FL. School shooting. Participation is optional for students and will be held on March 14th

PFA Update: Not in attendance

BOE update:

- Superintendent search continues, narrowed down to finalists whose home districts will be visited by committee members; discussed meeting for BOE Candidate Forum; Asked if the date could be moved due to a scheduling conflict for a candidate who is running for president

New Business:

- Discussed nominating committee for new PTO officers to fill VP and Treasurer positions which will open at the end of this school year; Nominating Committee will be Jenn Carbaugh, Robert Brownell, and Isabel Pipolo
- Feedback to have only Town Hall style meetings with activities for kids while parents meet with building reps; If that happens, there should be a specific committee to handle volunteers needed for activity so as to not have it all fall on one person's shoulders

Old Business:

- none

Adjournment: 8:45pm

Next meeting June 4th at 6:30 pm at the Admin Building