

## September 18, 2018, PTO Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

BOE Conference Room, School Administration Bldg. 6:30 pm

**Present:** Randi Alberino, Eric Rekada, Branwen MacDonald, Randy Lichtenwalner, Robert Brownell, Vernita Mosley, Carmen Vargas, Isabel Pipolo, Jen Carbaugh, Marisa O’Leary, Mia Shervington, Margery Rossi, Jamal Lewis, Staci Woodley, Jenna Ferris, Bethany Potillo, Meghan Sheldon-Brungard, William Toro, Rebecca Rodriguez, Crystal Hernandez, Kristin Jarvis, David Mauricio, Sandra Walton

### Welcome/Introductions

#### President’s Report:

- The general PTO meetings for the school year are scheduled as follows: Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, Mar 14<sup>th</sup>, Apr 11<sup>th</sup>, May 6<sup>th</sup> (BOE Candidate Forum), and Jun. 13<sup>th</sup>. All meetings at 7:00-8: 15 pm at the Administration Building.
- A building representative from each school are requested to attend all meetings

#### Treasurer’s Report:

- Building Allocations for PTO funds: \$500 for Elementary schools and \$750 for PKMS and PHS
- Funds will be given in \$100 increments, after the first installment, Financial Assistance Request form along with receipts for money spent must be given to PTO treasurer and next \$100 will be given at that time.
- Fundraising initiatives: Direct Appeal; School photos; spirit gear (blow-out sales at back to school nights for last year’s stock); Book Fairs; Art to Remember at Woodside, Oakside, and Hillcrest; Stop and Shop A+ Rewards (ongoing); possible Read-a-Thon (Elementary Principals will advise if this is feasible)

#### New Business:

- Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, General Meeting/PTO Kick off: Officers will be introduced, Committee Chairs will speak about their respective Committees; Marisa will invite Boy/Girl Scouts and the Youth Bureau to attend and speak; HRH will provide Zumba for the kids in attendance
- Walk Like MADD: Event/Walk is Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, more community involvement is needed. Register Teams on PTO website homepage
- Back to School Nights: PTO will have a table with Peekskill Swag for sale as well as info on PTO
- PEF (Peekskill Education Foundation) has reorganized and will be looking for ways to raise money for our district in the near future
- Uriah Hill received a grant which will allow a full day class with 12 spaces for new students; Meet the Teacher Night is Sep 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Woodside: Kindergarten Concierge and First Grade Front Desk helped make the first day back to school a big success with parents and students alike. Meet the Teacher Nights are Sep. 17<sup>th</sup> and Oct 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Oakside: Theme for the year, “Reading takes you out of this world.” Meet the Teacher nights are Sep. 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Hillcrest: New homework requirements for this year are reading every night and practicing math facts tailored to what the child needs. A new program called WIN (What I Need) where groups of students go to a teacher who is an expert in an area where the student needs help during a set time period every day.
- PKMS: Instituted a new tardiness policy to eliminate lateness and students missing their first class. Meet the Teacher Night is Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- PHS: Senior College Night is Sep 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be a college fair at BOCES, busing will be provided for the students. PHS open house will be Sep 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Dads take your kids to school initiative was successful in the entire district.

### **Committee Reports:**

- **Advocacy:** Will continue Foundation Aid work: Social Media Campaign for fully funded schools; Starting a Community outreach committee; Will run Meet the Candidate Forum for School Board elections in the spring
- **Class Parents:** Orientation meeting Oct 24<sup>th</sup>; Sign-ups at Meet the Teacher nights; 2 parents per class is ideal
- **Communications:** Volunteers are requested to make copies at the Administration Building during the School Day
- **Special Events/Enrichment:** Trunk or Treat will be on Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm in the Admin Bldg. parking lot; will again piggy-back the Safe Trick-or-treat event at PHS (11-1pm), an email regarding sign-ups for trunks, helpers, candy donations and game coordinators will be sent in the near future

### **Superintendent's Report:**

- The district is working with UHC, will eventually donate funds to PTO; Working on Pre-K grant to fund a full day of Pre-K and allow more children to attend Pre-K at Uriah Hill
- Maria Flores is the liaison for Parent Center; District is looking for a new location (possible multiple locations) for Parent Center
- Update on Community Schools: Saturday Academy to be held at PKMS on Oct. 27th

### **BOE update:**

- Board has requested more parents to attend Board Meetings; also, requested PTO to come to the board as *parents* if there are issues. Chances are other people are having the same issues. This may facilitate getting the issue on the agenda of the Board meeting.
- Peekskill CSD updating data systems to show true data demographics, not just numbers and scores
- K-12 alignment; kids/parents/teachers/administrators all with same goals

### **Old Business:**

- No Box-tops coordinator as of July 2018
- Procedure for logging of SWAG inventory sold at Back to School Nights noted; Volunteers responsible to give inventory and cash box to volunteer of following Back to School Night

### **Adjournment:** 8:50pm

Next meeting November 19th at 6:30 pm at the Admin Building