

November 19, 2018, PTO Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Present: Randi Alberino, Ro Sibrizzi, Eric Rekada, Branwen MacDonald, Vernita Mosley, Isabel Pipolo, Jen Carbaugh, Marisa O’Leary, Mia Shervington, Bethany Potillo, Kristin Jarvis, David Mauricio, Sandra Walton, Nancy Flaherty

Welcome/Introductions

9/18/18 Meeting Minutes Accepted

President’s Report:

- District Volunteer policy was discussed. Dr. Mauricio is meeting with Dr. Mosey to adjust and streamline policy. Will advise what constitutes a visitor as opposed to a volunteer and what requirements will be.
- Discussed officer’s meeting regarding fundraising. Will sell concessions at basketball tournaments in Jan.

Treasurer’s Report:

- Report on Google Drive; will re-visit the communications budget as it’s almost used for the year.

Committee Reports:

- **Advocacy:** Met with Maria Flores to discuss community engagement and Saturday Academy; Trying to have Parent Resource Center open for 1 evening per week; working on contacting our new Senator regarding funding
- **Class Parents:** Uriah Hill was utilizing parent volunteers to print Razz Kids books and to cut out costumes for Thanksgiving Celebration; Program still growing at Oakside and Hillcrest; Lack of class lists inhibiting contact with parents. **Dr. Mauricio will look into ways to obtain class lists.**
- **Communications:** Report on Google Drive; a reminder to fill out the log when making copies and use correct username/password
- **Special Events/Enrichment:** Due to Trunk or Treat being canceled, money is still in the budget. Donated candy was sent to deployed troops via Operation Gratitude; Discussed future events: Egg Hunt, end of year family day, Literacy Night or Gameshow Night; Peekskill Rotary is holding a book drive for the Literacy Lovers Project, they are in need of 3rd-grade level books.

Superintendent’s Report:

- MBK off to a great start. They will be including all males, not just males of color. They are looking for more mentors.
- Professional Development underway for teachers in Walk-To Mindset, WIN time is moving forward and is a work in progress.
- Building Admins requested a core group of parents as contacts for each school. Discussed difficulties in getting parents of MS and HS students to come out.

SEPTO update:

- Next meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 27th. Ms. Gerace will be speaking about IEPs.
- There will be no Breakfast with Santa this year, possibly a holiday dance instead
- Working on an after-school yoga clinic
- Basketball clinic will be held on two Saturdays in Jan and Feb
- There will be a representative in each building for Special Ed First Responder Training

BOE update:

- Discussed cultural enrichment/field trips and having a position in each school whose job it is to make sure trips are actually enriching for students and aligned with the curriculum.

PEF update:

- Announced new logo and website: thepeekskilleductaionfoundation.org
- Peekskill residents, Greg, and Cassandra Brescia will provide pro-bono legal advice
- The PEF is requesting volunteers to help with grants
- The 1st fundraiser will be at The Clay Factory on Dec 8 and 9. A portion of proceeds will be donated to the PEF. A party and raffle will be held on Dec 9; from 1-3pm. Cost is \$15 for a family fun-pack which includes refreshments and a paintable ornament.

New Business:

- **Fundraising:** Art to Remember fundraiser: Officers will be point person at each school (Woodside, Oakside, and Hillcrest).
- Mini book fairs will be held at buildings. 3 partial days and 1 evening coordinating with an event already happening at the school. **Isabel is waiting to hear back from the Principals for dates.**
- PTO will sell concessions at Lou Panzanella Basketball Tournament on Jan 10, 11, and 12. **Marisa will find out specific times. Communications will set up a sign-up genius for volunteer coordination.**
- Discussed selling concessions at Woodside and Oakside for Friday pick-up. OK to sell at Saturday Academy from the PTO table. There are 7 sessions left for the year. Discussed possibly having activities as well.
- Still waiting for artwork for spirit gear/catalog sales

Old Business:

- Discussed general meetings; will have Robotics team at January meeting, Black History event at Feb meeting (**Vernita will coordinate**). Discussed whether town hall meetings are successful, tabled further discussions until the next meeting.

Adjournment: 8:45pm

Next meeting January 14th at 6:30 pm at the Admin Building