

3/6/19 PTO Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes

Present: Isabel Pipolo, Mia Shervington, Dr. Mauricio, Margery Rossi, Meghan Sheldon-Brungard (*PEF*), Sandra Walton, Vernita Mosely, Branwen MacDonald (*BOE*), Eric Reveda, Kristin Jarvis, Marisa O’Leary

1/14/19 Meeting Minutes:

- Minutes were accepted unanimously

President’s Report:

- Marisa thanked Dr. Mauricio for recognizing the PTO Executive Committee at the 3/5/19 BOE meeting
- Everyone was reminded that we will have a presence at this week’s Saturday Academy Program- Eric, Margery, Marisa & Isabel will be there to cover spirit gear sales and asking parents to sign advocacy letters
- District will be hosting its annual Open House the week of April 22nd- parent volunteers are needed to speak with parents touring the buildings (4/22, 12-2:00 pm, 4/23 4-5:00 pm, 4/24 11 am – 1 pm, 4/25 9-11 am). Eric, Mia & Marisa available to help on 4/22, Kristin can assist on 4/24 and Vernita can assist on 4/25
 - Kristin volunteered to deliver district provided copies of open house flyer to local day cares
- Discussion about organizing opportunities to tour the middle & high schools since students begin to leave the district at those grade levels, and parents looking to possibly buy a home in the district have concerns about those schools
 - It was suggested that summer tours be offered as well as evening tours next year since schedule has already been set
 - Also suggested that social events take place for pre-k & K students/parents so that they feel more welcomed/comfortable coming into the district

Treasurer’s Report (given by Marisa):

- \$478.67 made on spirit wear sales at 2/9 Saturday Academy
- Over \$7,000 came in from Class Act Photography from school pictures
- On target thus far with our budget/fundraising efforts

Committee Reports:

Advocacy: (*report posted in google drive*)

- Call in to Senator Harckham & Governor Cuomo’s office tentatively scheduled for March 19th, email option will also be given for parents hesitant to call

- Dr. Mauricio will highlight points to incorporate into call script
- Ask to Senator Harkham is to help advocate for funding for pre-k, after-school program and school counselors

Class Parents: *(report posted in the google drive)*

- Would like to schedule a meeting with the committee members, principals of each elementary school and Dr. Foster to ensure that the program is uniform throughout the schools
- Committee would also like to engage a teacher rep from each building
- Next meeting will take place at the end of the month

Communications: *(report posted in the google drive)*

- Need volunteers to help make copies
 - Discussion regarding moving copier to another location so that it can be accessed by parents volunteers during hours that are more conducive to their schedules
 - Dr. Mauricio agreed to reach out to the high school to explore if it would be possible to have the life skills class take on this task for us as part of their program

Special Events & Enrichment: *(report posted in the google drive)*

- Spring Eggstravaganza will take place on 4/6 from 1-3:00 pm at Woodside
- Family Game Night will take place on 6/1 from 5-8:00 pm at the middle school
 - Question was raised about inflatable slides or obstacle courses, Marisa advised that these items are not covered under the PTO's general liability policy
 - It was decided that PTO will sell concessions that night- committee will discuss/decide what items will be offered & the officers will coordinate
 - Discussion about extending the event to include PKMS Twilight activity- concerns raised about having enough parent volunteers & also about being clear who's event it is (district's or PTO's)

Superintendent's Report:

- 2019-2020 budget aligned to the Peekskill Promise
 - Literacy and STEAM Opportunities- preparing students for global society
 - Rigorous, Pre K – 12 Aligned & Culturally Responsive Academics- developing successful life-long learners,
 - Whole-Child Approach- nurturing a healthy, safe and caring community
 - Enrichment Experiences- enhancing the curriculum and learning
 - Parent, Family & Community Partnership- building bridges to success

BOE Report:

- District working on rebranding
 - Working on our message- what is important to us?
 - Anyone interested in helping please reach out to Laura Belfiore

PEF Report:

- Getting ready to launch first phase of its website
- Will be holding a spring wine tasting event to engage adults in the community
- Received a \$10,000 from the Lanza Foundation

New Business:

Staff Appreciation:

- Will take place the week of May 6th- details still to be worked out but all in agreement to offer breakfast again
- High School elected to use their building allocation to fund their staff holiday breakfast therefore a much smaller token of appreciation will be offered
- Email should go out to all staff advising of when recognition/celebration will be happening in their respective buildings
- Marisa suggested that we revisit next year how we recognize staff appreciation- perhaps there are more cost effective options

Woodside Greenhouse:

- It was agreed that \$750 could be allocated to the opening of the greenhouse
- PTO will also help solicit donations
- Community reception will take place on Friday, May 31st from 6-8:00 pm
- Next planning meeting will take place on Monday, 3/11 at 8:30 am at Woodside

Fundraising:

Art to Remember:

- Order forms will be go home with students the week of March 25th
- Orders will be on week of May 1st
- Parent volunteers will be needed to assist

Book Fairs:

- Isabel met with Main Street Books last week
- 2 scanners per building will be provided
- Tech support person will train Isabel, and anyone else interested in being trained, on how to use the cash register- Woodside on march 26th, time TBD
- Fairs will take place: UH 4/2 & 4/3, Woodside week of 3/26, Oakside week of May 8th, Hillcrest week of April 23rd
- 10% purchase discount will be offered to parents volunteer certain number of hours (yet to be determined)
- Fairs will be scheduled so that each teacher can bring their class to the fair for 20 mins to shop, fairs will also be open during dismissal and each school will have evening hours. No previews will take place

Stop & Shop A+ Rewards:

- \$1,197.45 earned this year without any aggressive effort to sign people up
- Isabel will double check that the link on PTO website is working so that parents can sign up there- once verified that could be sent out to all parents

Old Business:

Succession Planning:

- Tabled, Marisa will look at dates to hold separate meeting to discuss

Parent Engagement/building leader interaction:

- Tabled

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. Next meeting will take place on May 13th at 6:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Marisa O'Leary, President