

May 13, 2019, PTO Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
BOE Conference Room, School Administration Bldg. 640 pm

Present: Randi Alberino, Marisa O’Leary, Mia Shervington, Margery Rossi, Dan Edlich, David Mauricio, Kristin Jarvis, Isabel Pipolo, Vernita L. Mosley, Jen Carbaugh, Eric Rekedo, Robert Brownell

Welcome/Introductions

Minutes Accepted

President’s Report:

- Staff Appreciation: Instead of breakfast at schools this year, PTO will purchase something that will benefit the staff at each school, such as something for their lounge, etc. The budget will be the same as was for the breakfasts. Schools have until May 17th to submit what they would like.
- The PTO and district will work together as to streamline events so there will be no competition with events already happening. This will help bridge PTO events with district events. This will alleviate double work, volunteer burnout and will facilitate easier access to volunteers. The PTO will be involved in the decision-making process.
- A parent survey will be going out this week regarding parent participation/PTO participation. The survey will be in both electronic and paper format. Dr. Mauricio will coordinate so a link to the survey can be sent via text message to all who receive texts from the district.
- The Woodside Greenhouse Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting will be on May 31st, from 6-8pm, rain or shine. Dr. Mauricio will discuss and advise who will speak regarding curriculum connections with students and special thanks to those who made the greenhouse possible.
- We would like to encourage more support for participation in the Juneteenth Parade, which will be on Sat. June 15th. Dr. Mauricio will make a push with the district to get more participation. PTO/District participants will meet at 12noon at the Park St. AME Zion Church. Participants should wear red Peekskill Pride shirt.
- Marisa and Kristin were part of a committee comprised of parents, elementary school teachers, and administrators. The committee was put together by Mary Foster to discuss report cards and grading practices. They discussed the possibility of moving from quarterly grading periods to trimesters instead. Progress reports will be revamped from pull-down menus and will be standardized. The need to inform parents of changes and explanations of grading was also discussed.
- A reminder that all committees should complete their end of year evaluations and post them in the google drive.

Treasurer’s Report:

- Thank you to Isabel and Anthony for making the Peekskill Swag.
- Fundraisers have been successful this year. Approximate profits are; Art to Remember: \$3000, Bookfairs: Uriah Hill-\$350, Woodside- \$1500, Oakside- \$1500, Hillcrest- \$1500. Concessions: Eggstravaganza \$240, Basketball tournament \$500. School pictures: \$9400. Stop and Shop Rewards: \$1400.

Proposed Reinvestment of Funds Raised this Year:

- A Vote was held on reinvestment of funds into each school. All funds will be specifically allocated except for Uriah Hill. Approved amounts as follows: **Uriah Hill- \$1000, Woodside, Oakside and Hillcrest** all

will receive-\$1000 art, \$500 music, \$500 technology, \$250 physical education, \$250- recess supplies.

PHS- Robotics \$400, Drama Club \$400, Latino Culture Club \$700.

- The division of funds was allocated to groups that have had a working partnership with the PTO for the 2018-19 school year. There is a deadline of June 1st, 2019 to request funds.
 - Since we have no working relationships with PKMS groups, **Marisa will reach out to certain PKMS staff for suggestions as to where the money will be most valuable for students.** A Decision will be made by the end of the week.
 - A suggestion was also made to recognize the custodians/security guards and Doug Brown, without whom, many of our events would not be possible.

District Volunteer Packet feedback:

- Revisions to Volunteer form are good. The district will use it starting next year.

PTO Space:

- Moving to another location was discussed as we have outgrown the current room. Keeping the copier where it is and using a room at Uriah Hill for storage was discussed as well as having the Dream program do the copying for us as part of their job skills program.

Superintendent's Report:

- Dr. Mauricio was a guest on Peekskill United's show. He raised awareness and created a dialogue about the Parent Center.
- Saturday Academy has been a success. Other districts have been calling and asking questions about it.
- Dr. Mauricio suggested that we create a parent outreach to people who are considering moving to Peekskill and match people that have kids of the same age to connect with new families.
- The district is purchasing the firehouse on Rt. 202 near PHS to use in the future. Utilization of space is still being discussed. The possible new location for PTO?
- Looking into having the empty field in front of Oakside (adjacent to the public playground) fenced in so that the students can use it during the school day.
- Discussed interest in meetings over the summer with school principals and the PTO.

BOE update: - not present

PEF update:

- Dan discussed PEF is identifying businesses they want to target for donations.
- PEF will host 2 events next year: a wine tasting event and something during Spanish Heritage month. They are also looking into taking over the SEPTO Breakfast with Santa event.
- Dan advised PEF is looking for more members. It was suggested to set up a profile for new Board Members.
- They are currently accepting applications for teacher grants

Committee Reports:

- **Advocacy:** There are still a few signs for the budget vote available for people to put on their lawns. See Margery if you want one. More signs will be needed for next year's vote, will decide how many after this election. Margery requested an email blast be sent out regarding vote. Isabel will send out.
- **Class Parents:** Report in google drive.
- **Communications:** One more newsletter to go out this year. Report in google drive.

- **Special Events:** Family game night (June 1st) is canceled due to lack of volunteers. The Eggstravaganza was successful despite a larger turnout than planned due to RSVP's that weren't received. A good time was had by all in attendance.

New Business: None mentioned.

Old Business:

- Nominating Committee for Officer Elections is as follows: Kristin Jarvis (Chair), Margery Rossi and Erik Rekada. Nominations should be submitted via email to communications@peekskillpto.org

Adjournment: 8:35pm

Next meeting June 10th at 6:30 pm at the Admin Building