

## 6/6/22 PTO Executive Committee Virtual Meeting

### Minutes

**Present:** Isabel Pipolo, Rachel Kimber, Randi Alberino, Marisa O’Leary, Jen Carbaugh, Heather Amabile, Randi Alberino, Meghan Sheldon-Brungard, Branwen MacDonald, Mia Shervington, Vernita

#### I. Welcome/Introductions

- Acceptance of [5/2/2022](#) Meeting Minutes

#### II. President’s Report

- A. Our final Saturday Academy and Book Fair had a great turnout and was a big success; many compliments on our set-up and presence at the event
- B. Teacher appreciation - water bottle gifts were well received; received feedback that staff members were glad to be included, in addition to teachers
- C. PTO Storage - requested that Carmine clear out district stuff from our space in FRC; add shelves/streamline storage; ideally we could consolidate everything into one space; we also still have 2 donated bikes in there that we could use next year
- D. **RACHEL NOTES START:** Thank you to the Executive Committee.

#### III. Treasurer’s Report - [May Budget Report](#)

- A. Funded 2 Woodside events with another to review this week for Field Day.
- B. Fundraising Report:
- C. More Fundraising than Spending
- D. Action Items
  - Did we receive a thank you for outdoor equipment for schools?
  - Email Blast: End of year synopsis on what we’ve funded this year and what we contributed to throughout the year.
  - Consolidate photos in a Google Drive to maintain history of the organization

#### IV. Superintendent’s Report

- A. 3 weeks left until the end of the school year!!

- B. Retreat with Administrators to dialogue about PTO and enhance/learn for next year. Elementary focus and Secondary focus. July 5-8th. August DATES
- C. Promote Parents on social media and recognize their work
- D. Question: District response to active shooter situations - Health and Safety group is learning from TX

## V. **Committee Reports**

### A. Advocacy

- a. Legislative Meetings:
- b. Candidate Forum
- c. Safe Routes: crossing guard, city added “code enforcement” option to complaint web options, crosswalk painting each fall before school starts, Colin Smith Meeting to discuss safety on Washington St safety. County wants to improve safety on Main and N. Division Streets. Heavily traveled corridors for walkers to/from school.
- d. Playground Equipment - improve what is there
- e. Gun Safety (car safety was primary and is shifting)
- f. **What is happening with kids too far to walk? Possible pilot of county-led program to bring “on-demand” busing to Peekskill, Advocacy to the School Board to get this issue attention. What about biking (citi bikes)?**

### B. Communications

- Not much to report on. Good year. Large committee.
- Does it help? 25% emails are opened (good numbers)
- Launched an Instagram account
- 4-5 people to manage the core work of the committee
- Yolanda will continue as Spanish translator, Laura Belfiore, Nell, Meredith, Kristina, Lanice
- Getting parents involved at the beginning of their PCSD journey
- Parent mixer to engage more parents
- Kudos from Randi for the SEPTO communications

### C. Special Events (trunk or treat, egg hunt) AND Enrichment

- Screenshare of the year end report
- Suggestions of upper and lower level (big /little kid) focus for the committee

- Jamie stepping down as chair of the committee
- Planning (high administration) and Event Facilitation - 2 needed skills
- Goal of **Enrichment** is to have a creative outlet for the curriculum, add value to the educational experience

D. Parent & Community Engagement

- a. New Partner: Asthma Management, 3rd-5th graders to teach kids about asthma
- b. Spanish classes - highly praised, 2 sections possible
- c. ESL classes - morning and afternoon class for food service workers
- d. Student Assistance Services Summer Guide ([LINK](#))
- e. \_\_\_\_\_ June 10th 4-5:30 at Hillcrest
- f. Social and Emotional Learning with [Mind in the Making](#), Janice - executive function training
- g. Share dates of the general meeting and Marie/staff will help rotate the translation volunteer responsibility for the General Meetings.

E. Nominations - 1 nominee for each position

**VI. New Business**

- A. Meeting will be held **VIRTUALLY** - no **IN-PERSON**

**VII. Other Updates**

- A. BOE update - THANK YOU, PTO helps inform the board's work, data and assessment information review for district, diversity recruitment and bias training and work. Onboarding new member.
- B. PEF - finishing Oaksize Ozzobots fundraiser, recruiting members for next year
- C. SEPTO - last meeting Wednesday June 15, Sparc is presenting at the virtual meeting. VP is joining!!! Goal is to add one more parent with a child with different needs. FREE programming from Sunday Event contact Dr. M met.

**VIII. Adjournment 8:43pm**

**Next Meeting:**

**June 9 - last general meeting**