

Executive Meeting

9/6/2023

President's Report:

Literacy Initiatives: Need to shift literacy initiatives—moving away from book giveaway and book sales until it can be done at the schools; at the school level it is successful, but not at Saturday Academy. Shift to a give a book, take a book, and include adult books. Rotary in the past has helped with providing books for children; they are willing to partner. In school-based book sales require 5-6 people per day to staff them.

Bring Back **Art to Remember Fundraiser**, works well with cultivating kindness and community development goals.

Move to **Google Platform**, not-for-profit account.

4 or More Campaign: Families sign up for 4 or more hours for the school year. This will be the main message at Back to School Nights.

Treasurer's Report:

The budget was presented with some discussion about the income expected from the Art to Remember versus the book sale.

The prices of sweatshirts and t-shirts have gone up, therefore this will be passed on to the buyer.

Superintendent's Report:

The District is fully staffed in all key positions

Drop-off went well at Oakside, from the accounts received.

Uriah Hill has a new library for children with size appropriate furniture. It is now fully dedicated as a children's space. Three offices were built for the social worker and assistant principal. The grant has allowed for every child in Peekskill to receive free Pre-K.

On Monday the District received 14 new high school students.

At Woodside there is a model classroom, preparing for capital work proposed to the community and vote in December. As many classrooms as possible are renovated and remodeled.

Solar will be put on Hillcrest and the High School for new ceilings, fixtures, and LED lights.

Hillcrest there has been a transformation of the cafeteria and kitchen. There is a kitchen for employees as well. There are new windows and decorations. This renovation will also occur at Uriah Hill.

At the Middle School, there were new floors in the lower level and wings, due to flood.

Special needs students who are not ready to transition out of high school, are staying at the high school in a classroom converted to an apartment with dishwasher, stove, refrigerator, to model independent living.

The high school also has a new culinary arts program. This includes a WIFI enabled convection oven.

There is a need to improve the facilities at the high school. New LED lights and floors will also be added.

There is a pool in the administration building that is storage, this will be filled in with a dance studio space, and dividing walls for classrooms and venue space for student performances.

This summer there was a lot of time spent on social-emotional learning.

New Business:

Messaging on Back to School Nights:

1. Sign-up
2. Donate
3. Follow on Social Media
 - a. Sharing community and parenting resources to help parents navigate

Potentially have a video that recaps what volunteering looks like. What are different types of media that can be shown on the website to show more content and what participating in the PTO looks like?

Board of Education:

Highlight PTO in the next Board of Education meeting.

PEF can align and partner with the PTO.