

## **PTO Meeting Agenda**

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

Zoom Meeting

**Attendees:** Sabina McGuirl, Christina Valdes, Dr. Barcadepone, Bruce Winkelstein, Ms. Maroulis, Mrs. Bailey, Medy Murphy, Karina Singh, Lori Verbel, Katharine Miro, Sharon Murphy, Lisa Ellison, Johanna Holmes, Nicole Weiss, Ashley Krauss, Jill Relay, Melissa LaPorta, Grace Perruzzi, Jillian Cook, Audrey Hayek, MJP Phone, Neesha

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:31pm

**Minutes Approved by:** Kat Miro and Medy Murphy

### PTO UPDATES

- Treasurer's Report- We have \$36,695.93 in our Operating Account.

### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- Michael Barcadepone, Superintendent
  - We will be approving the temporary budget this month. We had to wait for state aid numbers before doing so.
  - We will be presenting this to the community in late April/early May
  - We are already planning for the summer programs for literacy and math programs to identify students who are in need plus the extended school year program
  - The new format for K-4 report cards will be approved by late May/early June
    - We will be doing a presentation about the new report cards- should we do in June or beginning of the year? People responded next year
  - It's so nice to see everyone's faces without masks on. There have been a couple of cases. If your child is experiencing any symptoms, please keep them home until you know for sure.
- Bruce Winkelstein, Brookside Principal
  - It is so nice to see the kids without the masks and we are relearning who they are!
  - We have a lot going on!
  - Musical (Moana Jr.) performances at Brookside, almost sold out
  - Next week Monday through Wednesday is elementary conferences (for K-4<sup>th</sup> grade there will be 12:45 dismissal- no lunch, just a snack). Conferences are virtual but can be arranged in person if requested.
  - On March 28<sup>th</sup> report cards are coming out.
  - March 31<sup>st</sup> is the Student/Faculty volleyball game at 6:30pm, then the 6<sup>th</sup> grade movie is right after.
  - LEAD graduation will be on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm.

- Anastasia Maroulis, Hillside Principal
  - Mr. Winkelstein and Ms. Maroulis met with Sabina and Christina (PTO co-presidents) to go over year end dates.
  - The cafeteria is working really well. There are accommodations for kids who need or want to socially distance. The meal ordering through Pomptonian is going well and is much more efficient than previously.
  - Birthday club is back!
  - Conferences are next week Monday to Wednesday. These conferences used to be in June but were moved to March since this is where kids start to take off and we are seeing a lot of evidence of growth.
  - The Book Fair coming up in the spring.
  - New Jersey State testing is also coming up.
  - International Day is now on May 11. We have 31 countries signed up. This will be back indoors!
  - There is a Spring Concert on June 3 for Grades 1-3.
  - Field Day will take place on June 9 with a rain date of June 10 for Grades 1-3.
  - We are soliciting applications for the preschool lottery- next year we will be combining ages 3 and 4 for an AM session and combining ages 3 and 4 for a PM session. There are vacancies and parents can elect which session they want if spots are available.
    - Question- How many seats per age for the program? For the AM session there are 3 seats available and for the PM session there are 6 available seats. They have reached out to returning families first.
- AFEE- Nicole Weiss- The AFEE event was scheduled originally for March 25, 2020 and this will be our 25<sup>th</sup> auction. It will be on May 20<sup>th</sup> at Bottagra. Tickets go on sale on 3/15 and the invitation will go out at 6am. This event sells out and we hope everyone attends.
- Sharon Bailey, Hillside & Brookside Representative-
  - At Hillside we launched the One Book One School- “One and Only Ivan”
  - Kindness rainbow activity from Mrs. Diomedea catching kids with acts of kindness and displayed
  - Moana Jr. play at Brookside
  - 8<sup>th</sup> graders are in service learning (bake sales, etc.)
  - There is a coin drive in the works for the Ukraine and we will be asking students at Brookside to bring in coins
  - The Book Fair is coming up- the contest launched this week
    - Question- do parents get a link to the slideshow? Mrs. Bailey will send to us (we will send through Constant Contact).

## PAST AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- St Patrick's Day Scavenger Hunt (Bridget)- 130 kids participated and it was a huge success

- 6th Grade Movie Night- This event is on March 31<sup>st</sup> and kids will be watching Tuck Everlasting. There are 27 kids signed up right now and hopefully more kids in the upcoming weeks.
- 4th and 5th Game Night- This will be on April 6<sup>th</sup>. We weren't able to do this in person last year but we did two years ago. A game show host will come in and will split the 4/5<sup>th</sup> grades. Any parents with kids in those grades who want to help can reach out to Lisa Ellison.
- PTO Teacher Appreciation March 17- "Pot of Gold"- Fun activity and token of appreciation for the teachers.
- Kindergarten Service Project- Sharon- We are 2 weeks in and we are at 164 pounds of plastic! Our goal is 500 pounds. If any parents want to reach out to pick up plastic, let us know, we will keep collecting and dropping!
- Creativity Contest- We are so excited to launch this- to make kids excited about reading and to see what their friends are reading.
- Moana Musical (Medy)- See above from Mr. Winkelstein
- Greeting Card Sale (Lauren)- \$30 for a box of assorted cards going on now, comes to \$1 per card
- Playground Update (Bridget)- Mr. Winkelstein- Thank you for all of the work on it, looked through the catalog- what we can get for the money is not as inspiring- another idea to explore would be tables for outdoor dining and outdoor classrooms. We will bring back to the student council playground group with all of the current options. We could possibly buy 20 tables as another option.
  - Kat- Can we reconsider a Gaga pit?
  - Question in chat from Grace Peruzzi- if approved, when would Brookside be getting the tables? Bruce- will be a process, hopefully order before the end of the year for use next year depending on delivery times
- International Day Update (Lori)
  - The event is on May 11 and we have 31 countries represented (our most ever). So far we have 60 volunteers.
  - This will be indoors and we will have an assembly and have a great day planned.
  - The PTO ordered international pencils to send home as a reminder.
  - Question from Medy- Will food be involved? Yes in little serving cups or individual servings.
- Silver Graphics (Medy)- This is happening soon- the kids made amazing art and the catalog will be arriving in schools on March 23 and you can choose items to order from the art. The website will be open until April 8 and can be mailed directly to your home.
- CKO and Peloton Ride (Jo)-
  - This CKO event is next Friday 3/25 in the evening for up to 22 kids. The Peloton ride is on Sunday and all proceeds will go to cancer awareness. These will be fun community events to raise funds for cancer research.
- Anthony's Coal Fire Community Night Out (Sharon)- This will be on April 6 and we will get 20% of the proceeds.

Meeting Ended at 8:10pm

### UPCOMING DATES

3/16 Birthday Club  
 3/23 - 4/8 Silver Graphics Fundraiser

3/25 Kid's CKO Class  
4/6 4th and 5th Game Night  
4/6 Anthony's Coal Fire Pizza  
4/19 CPR Training @ 7pm