

PTO Minutes January 13, 2021

On Zoom

Attendees: Colleen Barrett, Stacey Wang, Anastasia Maroulis, Michael Barcadepone, Bruce Winkelstein, Lisa Ellison, Bridget Adler, Jamie Noe, Shveta Dhand, Medy Murphy, Lori Verbel, Laura Woodland, Lauren Sacks, Sabina McGuirl, Christine Valdes

Meeting Called to Order: 9:20 am

Minutes Approved by: Lisa Ellison and Lauren Sacks

Colleen Barrett- PTO Co-President:

PTO Updates

- Treasurer's Report-
 - **Bridget Adler:** \$23,699.39 in Operating Account, \$33,191.41 in Boosterthon Account
- Holiday Teacher appreciation coffee and donuts- Thank you Hillside teachers!
- Gift Card distribution
- 3rd Grade Service Project - Thanksgiving Food Drive CFA Mahwah- \$1,600 raised and delivered. For every \$1 donated, they can purchase \$9 of groceries for people in need
- 2nd Grade Service Project - Hackensack Meridian Children's Hospital- \$1,600 raise- they asked for gift cards to be purchased from the donations to provide to families
- Book Fair Proceeds- \$880 raised from the fall Book Fair

Fundraisers

- Village Table- order meals for deliver
- Spirit Store

Music & Arts

- Virtual Assemblies- 2nd Wednesday of the month
 - Hillside
 - Dec 11- 123 Andres
 - Feb 10th- East Meets West
 - Brookside
 - Women's Suffrage - Virtual ½ day- January 13
- Art Supplies for 1st & 2nd grade (and K)- PTO put items together for families
- Snowflakes displayed in town store fronts- will display Hillside snowflakes in town

Administrative Reports:

Michael Barcadepone, Superintendent: We are trying the keep the schools open as much as possible. Thank you to the PTO for the support on the virtual days.

Reminder that our schools are responsible only for contact tracing in schools ONLY. Once we have a closure, the responsibility of contact tracing gets handed over to the Bergen County

Department of Health from 48 hours back from the positive test or 49 hours back from when symptoms started. If we aren't in school during that time, the Department of Health will do the tracing.

Anastasia Maroulis- Hillside Principal: Thank you PTO for donuts and gift cards. The art kids are working well so the students can do the art units from home. "1,2,3 Andres" from home was amazing. We have an author visit today on our virtual day from Susan Verde. Next month is East meets West on February 10th and we may tie this into International Day with Chinese puppetry kicking it off. The donation drives were amazing- thank you! We will hopefully be able to do a service project next year.

Kindergarten registration will be done differently this year and we're brainstorming how to do it digitally. Maybe an orientation on Zoom and online registration. The preschool registration follows behind that. We are all grateful to be in school and are pleased with the growth in the students.

Bruce Winklestein, Brookside Principal: Thank you PTO for the donuts and gift cards. The assembly today "Living Voices" is sponsored by the PTO. February and March there will be other assemblies on the half days which gives an opportunity to reach other topics. Brookside is currently virtual for two weeks.

There are some teacher transitions at Brookside all for maternity leave replacements- Mrs. Parciasepe is leaving for maternity leave and will be combining virtual classes with Mrs. Goldsmith. Mrs. Weber (guidance) will be replaced by Mrs. Sanchez. Ms. Stein will be replaced by a former Brookside student.

They will be sending an email to 8th grade parents regarding caps and gowns. This year they will be transitioning to all green (instead of green for boys and white for girls) due to gender sensitivity. Parents will take measurements.

Is there an opportunity for virtual game nights? PTO will look into ideas for this- possibly separate for each grade. We are flexible on dates. Ms. Maroulis may reach out about game nights too.

Guidance counselors are working on K-8 activities. Colleen asked- is there an opportunity for 4th and 5th grade crafts? They will look into this.

Upcoming Dates

- Next PTO Meeting Feb 10 - 2021

Meeting Adjourned at 9:42am- Laura Woodland and Medy Murphy