

## **PTO Minutes November 11, 2020**

### **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, iPhone user (no name)

**Meeting Called to Order:** 9:20 am

**Minutes Approved by:** Laura Woodland and Lisa Ellison

**Stacey Wang- PTO Co-President:**

### **PTO Updates**

- Treasurer's Report-
  - **Bridget Adler:** \$24,543 in the operating account, \$33,190.55 in Boosterthon Account, class dues are in the grade accounts
- Halloween events – Thank You!
- Donation of new books to Hillside library
  - PTO donated 60 books to the Hillside Library from book fair rewards

### **Fall Fundraisers**

- Virtual Fall Book Fair-
  - The book fair runs now through 11/20, virtual and books will be shipped
- Hillside Apparel-
  - PTO made over \$1,600
- Village Table-
  - Ongoing weekly fundraiser- place orders by Saturday

### **Service Projects**

- Unicef-
  - This was online this year
- 3rd Grade Service Project - Thanksgiving Donation Drive
  - The PTO is collecting funds to donate to the Center for Food Action in Mahwah

### **Upcoming Events**

- Music and Arts Update-
  - Medy Murphy and the PTO are working with Ms. Maroulis to select Young Audiences assemblies for our students similar to the Broadway assembly. PTO has set aside funds for this.

### **Administrative Reports:**

**Michael Barcadepone, Superintendent:** Thank you for the celebration of the Arts. The day before Thanksgiving will also be virtual and will be Thanksgiving-based with STEAM activities related to the Thanksgiving Day Parade which will also be virtual.

Regarding COVID and our schools- There is a 48-hour window from the Health Department following either a positive test or a symptom of COVID after a positive test for tracing. The

average time for contact tracing is 4-7 days, the Health Department would handle this currently since we have been out of school for more than 48 hours. Primary contacts would be related to one positive whereas secondary contacts would be another unrelated positive case, at which time the district would go on a mandatory 2-week closure. All teachers were told to stay home if they have any symptoms, there are many substitutes and plans in place in case a teacher isn't feeling well. Any information about the district knowing about COVID in the schools prior to the closure are false. Email or contact Dr. Barcadepone or the school nurses at any time with questions or concerns. Schools are planning to reopen on Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Schools will remain open unless the Governor mandates a closure.

For Thanksgiving, if you leave the state of New Jersey, there is an executive order that you must quarantine for 14 days, and you can swap to virtual learning if you have left the state. If someone comes home to New Jersey from college for example, that is considered secondary exposure and you do not have to quarantine for 14 days unless there is a related positive COVID test.

**Anastasia Maroulis- Hillside Principal:** Parents have been very compliant with procedures for in-person school days. We will be back on Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. We typically would have had our Veteran's Day Assembly today (Veteran's Day). The kids had a great time on Halloween. Thank you for the new books for the library purchased with the PTO rewards- Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. DuBois picked out many new books. We are getting the word out about the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Food Drive. We will start thinking about a craft for the day before Holiday break.

The next date for the choice of learning platform is approaching. Parents will have to notify the building principal by 12/1 for a start date of 12/9. Parent Conferences went well from home. They have done a lot of assessing of students and the teachers have a lot of data on their students. For 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade specials, they are looking at the delivery system and information to parents about goals to get kids to a more independent place with this- more information will be coming out about this.

**Bruce Winklestein, Brookside Principal:** Halloween went well. The video that was made from Halloween will be shown to the students but currently cannot be shared widely since the virtual students have their first and last names near their faces on the video. Photo Day was moved to Monday, 11/23. For 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, parents should check Real Time often to make sure that their kids are on track.

#### Upcoming Dates

- November 9-20th- Virtual Book Fair
- November 9- 20th- Thanksgiving Donation Drive
- Next PTO Meeting Jan 2021 (No December Meeting)

Meeting Adjourned at 9:58am Lauren Sacks and Lori Verbel