CM PTA Meeting 10-19-21

Attendees: Michelle Krupa, Mickey Giuliani, Christine Marks, Marisa Rosado, Deborah Low, Jess Christ, Jared Martin, Pamela Ely, Samantha Eslanazi, Rosemarie Gimby, Tammy Thornton, Dr. Falcone, Nicola Davies, Jacqueline Cox, Mary-Renee Bohnenstiel, Amanda Patania, Jenny Tesler, Jen Doerner, Caroline Unger, Danielle Michalisin, Annie Chochos

Principal’s Report:

* Walk-a-thon was a success!
* Halloween parade will be held on the HS track; half the school at a time
* Turkey trot will be held during P.E. classes; paypal and cash options available for donations
* Quarantine Learning: student logs onto Schoology for instruction, there will be contact throughout the day with the teacher, as well as a zoom camera; the hope is that a student will only miss a max of 5 days

Introduction of BoE Candidates

Nicola Davies

* Running to support the educational experience for all
* Sat on the board of several PTA’s
* Sat on district committees for curriculum
* Will have a long term dedication of schools

Jared Martin

* Common sense approach; will ask the “hard questions”
* Passionate about math; looking at areas in the country where they run successful Math programs and how we can improve

Deb Low

* Current Chair
* Focuses on a collaborative approach
* Retired educator, Dean of Students and High School Principal, Superintendent
* Wilton resident
* Led through the pandemic
* Doubled our meetings to provide the community with school-related Covid updates
* Health & safety was at the forefront
* Making up for the gaps that occurred with learning due to the pandemic

Jess Christ

* School volunteer 10 years
* Co-founded the MD Carnival
* Co-founded Cider Mill’s Got Talent
* Put together Spirit Day at Trackside for Middlebrook students
* Will focus on gifted learners sometimes they are forgotten

Pam Ely

* Educator for over 30
* Children's Day School Director
* Has knowledge from grades k-12
* Collaborative worker
* Cider Mill is the school where it all comes together; therefore CM should have everything that it needs from Curriculum to Mental Health support

Teacher Rep

* Thank you for all of the Picture Day assistance
* Walk-a-thon was wonderful, kids loved it!

President’s Report

* Thank you administration and staff for the Walk-a-thon and allowing us to do all of the “extras” (smoke machine, etc)
* Thank you to Alexis Murphy & team of volunteers
* $1k shy of $14K almost reached our goal
* Students voted to donate to the Wildlife Conservation $1K; anonymous donor that will match it
* Thank you for photo day Melissa Prusak!
* 11/17 will be the retake for Photo Day
* You can order online
* Looking for volunteers: fun nights, enrichment coordinator

Treasurer’s Report

* All Financials can be found on the PTA website
* $1K shy of $14K raised from the Walk-a-thon

Parent-at-Large

* Notes from BoE meetings on the Facebook page
* Some take-aways:
  + No flexibility on masking right now
  + New logo for Wilton was approved

Secretary’s Report

* Minutes from last PTA meeting approved
* Book Fair will be held in person on 11/18, 11/19 & 11/22 (more info to follow)

Gifts & Grants

* Start up grants checks will be made available soon!

Spirit Wear

* 11/5 is the next Spirit Day
* One day sale for sweatshirts will be held; date tbd

Lost and Found

* Kent or Cannondale entrance to have a look for lost items
* Working to have something available during teacher conferences

Zero Waste Week

* Weighing waste per grade
* Raffles for students will be held

SEPTA

* Sensory friendly Trunk or Treat will be held
* Join SEPTA

Gardening

* 3rd graders planted daffodil bulbs

Turkey trot

* Fundraiser for Wilton Social Services

Adjourn 10:00