**PTA Meeting 4-12**

**President’s Report:**

* The book fair will be pushed off until the fall
* Kindness Rocks is on and the Art Teachers are trying to follow a curriculum around program therefore, they need more supplies than originally anticipated which resulted in a hire cost than anticipated
* Recruiting is still ongoing; Alex and Amanda are on top of the process; the Parent-at-Large role is one of the critical spots that need to be filled
* Trivia Night is this Friday; $10 per ticket and limited to 50 families
* On May 6 families can participate in a “how to” bake an explosion cake; more to come on this
* Working on ideas for a 5th grade fun night; a car parade is in the works; the idea of an ice cream truck at Merwin Meadows for the 5th graders is being floated

**Hospitality**

* Bus Driver Breakfast: breakfast bag event set up at the bus depot under a tent 4/27
* Teacher Appreciation coming up in May

**Spirit Wear**

* We are continuing to sell but we do not have much in stock
* We have contacted a company to create an online store however, we would only get 10% and it would be a loss of revenue; looking into other companies

**SEPTA**

* Masks for Bee Kind did really well
* Trying to get books on social/emotional development for classes
* Art Classes at Trackside were a success
* Free Play Task Force: because of Covid, CM extended recess to 30 minutes
* The 30 minute recess is something that has been fought for for years prior and now that we have it we want it to remain
* It is extremely important for kids to have free play during the school day and is a necessity
* There is a concern that the idea of “catching up” will remove the extra minutes of recess; Things that the PTA can do to help support the task force; find a way to bring this information to the parents; perhaps a survey so that the broader community is aware and has voice