**Cider Mill**

**General PTA Meeting 9-14-21**

* Call to order, 9:23
* Voting in of all officers
  + President: Michelle Krupa
  + Vice President, Membership: Samantha Eskenazi
  + Vice President, Fundraising: Alexis Murphy
  + Secretary: Marisa Rosado
  + Treasurer: Mickey Giuliani
  + Parent at Large: Alissa Brady

**Principal’s Report**

* Covid is still here and an making its presence known
* Thank you to the parents for your support!
* Ms. Corti has thanked all the parents; and so impressed by all the kind and considerate kids that are here at CM
* Ms. Cox & Ms. Corti will be taking turns attending the PTA meetings
  + Thank you for the EduKits!
  + Room Parent assignment team: thank you!
  + Laminating team: thank you!
* Currently in a state of flux for volunteers; families will have to pay for background checks
* If we start field trips (field trips are not allowed at this time) you will need a background check but for the small volunteer options right now we do not need them
* Visitors: waiting for more guidance from the district but keeping visitors to a minimum; any adult must be 6 feet away from the kids and it does present a challenge for having visitors in the building; playing it all by ear
* We will continue to have more options for activities within the school vs. field trips
* Open house will be virtual; cannot have folks in the classroom for more than 15-20 minutes and its very difficult to do so during open house
* Any new families that haven't been in the building we will be happy to have individual tours
* Arrival/Dismissal: trying to encourage bus travel; trying not to be reliant on the police for traffic control; perhaps just one police officer if necessary; they are in the cars observing at the moment; the buses have to get out before cars or else it holds up dismissal for all other Wilton PS
* Quarantine instructions:
  + What does remote learning look like for quarantined students? District is still coming up with a firmer plan; we will not have a hybrid model as we did last year; we may have cameras so kids could look into the classroom; work is still being posted in Schoology; if you're marked as present during your quarantine period then the students need to submit assignments through Schoology
* Rather than the 10 day quarantine you can do 7 days if you have your child tested at day 5 and then they can return to school with negative test and documentation
* Only students that are closer than 3 ft for an extended period are quarantined; not the entire class

President’s Report

* Normally we have a Co-president so that the transfer of roles in the beginning of the next school year is smooth; this role is still an open position
* Thank you to the administration! Special thanks to Shannon McDonald, the hospitality crew and Amanda Patania, who sold over 200 t shirts during Meet the Teacher
* How the PTA fundraises:
  + The Walk-a-Thon is our ONE big fundraiser for the year
  + This fundraiser dictates what we are able to do for the students and teachers during the year
  + In past years we’ve raised as much as $32K; last year we raised $8k
  + This fundraiser is usually held in October; there are some issues with the HS track due to the flooding from our past storm
  + We will find another path for the students to walk if this becomes necessary
  + We hope to raise $15K; if we do not raise enough money then we will have to make some tough choices regarding cutting some programs that the students look forward to
  + Currently, the Walk-a-Thon is scheduled for 10/6-7

**Treasurer’s Report**

* Manisha Patel is our outgoing Treasurer; Mickey Giuliani will be taking her place
* LY netted revenue $22K
* Spend was $26.5
* Budgets in further detail are posted on the PTA website

**Membership Report**

* 119 individual members
* 30 family members
* 10 teacher members
* Paypal is now an option for payment
* Download MobileArq to become a member

**Secretary’s Report**

* Approved minutes for May 2021

**Spiritwear**

* New shirts will go on the website for purchase
* Orders will be delivered to teacher’s mailboxes for distribution

**Picture Day**

* September 28; details to follow

**Zero Waste**

* Back to doing our sorting; recycle, garbage, compost
* What we do in school should be done at home

**SEPTA**

* Meeting 10/6 at 7:00 pm via Zoom
* Sept 22 at 10:00 am there is a workshop: How to Talk to Your Child’s Team; held at the Wilton Library
* Trunk or treat on 10/29 at the Wilton Police Station 5:00 pm

**Nominating**

* Need Enrichment Chair
* Need Chairs for all 3 Fun Nights (3rd, 4th, 5th Grades)
* Need Book Fair Co-Chair

**Please welcome John Garcia our new band teacher!**