

Winchester Public Schools PTO

Jan. 18, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Kim Roy (Pearson, vice principal), Kelly Mosher, Kimberly Mathews, Rosanne Field (Batcheller principal), Jen Scacca, Bryan Sundie, Rachel Incillo, Sara Guenther, Renee Waldron (Board of Education), Kristin Peterson (Board of Education), Patrick Matthews

Old Business: R. Incillo update on treasurer situation, informs that S. Guenther has become treasurer and that they are working to move WPS PTO account from one bank to another.

Superintendent's Report

No report—Superintendent Brady-Shanley chaperoning Pearson Ski Club

Principal Reports

R. Field: update on status student reading and math assessments, students who are absent to complete upon return; literacy screening underway; Preschool, concepts of print underway; EL one-on-one assessments underway in coming weeks, and parents will be notified of growth; Mid-year evaluations of non-certified and certified staff upcoming; “Drop Everything” and exercise programming on the horizon;

K. Roy: 87 percent participation for parent teacher conferences (grades 3-6) in December, hoping to get a higher percentage next time; Student vision screening transpired; student reading and math assessments transpired, will analyze performance; Mid-year analysis and reports on student performance on the horizon.; Non-certified and certified staff received training on small group instruction; Tag and student leadership programs continue to thrive; Staff member (library/media) John Coloma resigned, and Karly Hanigan (SP?) has been hired—has library experience in Simsbury and Torrington, begins in February; New art teacher hired Ms. Beckler (SP?), has experience at the Farmington Valley Arts Center; Drama Club is going strong, production of Wizard of Oz; band restarting soon.

Family Resource Center (FRC): “Play and Learn” programming continues; enrollment for “Little Owls” preschool open between Feb. 1 to Feb. 15, first come first, first-served basis;

Treasurer Report, S. Guenther: Estimates \$31k bank balance; has updated PTO manager software; All bills related to Scholastic book fair have been paid; R. Incillo indicates that two checks need to be issued for rewards program.

Rewards Program Committee, R. Incillo: Receiving good feedback on program's ease of use, encourages spreading the word about the program; Stop N Shop rewards program going well, \$2,000 check for Batcheller School and Pearson School check is roughly \$1,000

Social Enrichment, Fundraising committees update, R. Incillo: Possibility of holding a walk-a-thon or a fun run, described as a good way to get families, etc., together post-COVID Possible walkathon, or a

fun run. Rachel will reach out about these events coming up. Good way to get people together since COVID.

Scholastic Committee, S. Guenther: Each school had more than \$3k in sales, \$9k total; With Scholastic dollars, have purchased books for teachers' classrooms, fulfilled teachers wish lists, and secured books for book giveaway; K. Peterson thrilled that wish lists are being fulfilled; S. Guenther said every kid was sent home with a free book in December; Next book fair will be held in the spring (March) during parent/teacher conference week.

Yearbook Committee, J. Scacca: R. Incillo, goal for the spring is to research if there are other companies to use in the future; Accelerated deadline for yearbook completion is March 14; Discussion on what percentage PTO will pay for the yearbooks, community/parent donations, business sponsorships.

Adjournment 7:12 p.m.