**PTA Minutes**

*Spring Glen PTA General Membership Meeting*

Wednesday January 20, 2020

Held via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Courtney Connors

*In attendance*

Board members present: Courtney Connors, President; Steve Curtis, Vice President; Elizabeth Williams, Vice President; Misha Serfillippi, VP Fundraising; Cara McDonough, Secretary

Absent: Steve Curtis, Vice President

**Welcome – Courtney Connors**

**Call for a motion to accept minutes of last PTA meeting and communication of correspondence** - Cara McDonough. Jon Farrar seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Principal’s Report**

* Principal Hornreich said the staff was happy to see the in-person learners back at school.

**Health & Welfare**– Courtney Connors

**Treasurer's report –** Jon Farrar

* Noted the unusual nature of this year but that we will likely spend/raise more money as the year progresses.

**Reports of standing committees**

*Membership*

* Membership VP Jess Van Denend has moved her family to another school for the time being due to professional demands. Was a great asset to our PTA.
* Courtney Connors made a request for interested parties to get in touch about the position. The position is board-appointed and does not require a vote.
* 11 new members joined the PTA in December.

*Fundraising – Misha Serfillippi*

* Mask sale is ongoing, including reduced prices currently.

*Diversity & Inclusion*

* Most recent D&I newsletter was just released.

*Outdoor Committee - Elizabeth Williams and Steve Curtis*

* BOE officially approved the plan for the garden.
* Committee is waiting for notifications from grants they applied to for funding.
* Hopeful about a possibility of an in-school field trip to the garden space facilitated by an outdoor educator.

*Communications Committee – Cara McDonough and Steve Curtis*

* Recap of mental/emotional health webinar on Jan. 7 – was a wonderful conversation with many helpful resources.
* Will follow up with school community to share resources and other ideas presented during the webinar.

**Old business**

* Teacher appreciation coffee at Best Video recap. Teachers can still redeem gift if they wish.
* Recap of holiday gifts presented to families in need. PTA did cover four children/families who had needs this holiday season from the PTA budget.
* Courtney Connors encouraged community to reach out to PTA with any questions about the return to hybrid learning plan.
* PTA grants rollout: PTA will be discussing how they distribute grants to teachers and classes for anything they need that is not covered by the school. So far, a few teachers have reached out.

**New Business**

*Winter reading challenge*

* committee headed by parents and teachers and PTA VP Elizabeth Williams to host Winter Reading Challenge at the school complete with online events/author visits

*Participation in Hamden-wide school play*

* PTA plans to participate in this town-wide event, organized by schools in partnership with Square Foot theater. Cost to PTA is $1500, with no cost to participating students/families.
* Possibility of surveying families to gage interest.

*Call for committee members*

* PTA is looking for volunteers to help with the Yearbook, SPG 5K and Teacher Appreciation Committee (Teacher Appreciation Week in May).

**Good of the order**

**Announcement of next meeting –** Wednesday, February 17, 7 pm

**Request motion to adjourn –** Jon Farrar, Misha Misha Serfillippi seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.