

**MES PTA Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday January 13, 2021**  
**6:30-7:20pm via Zoom**

**In attendance:** Jenna Huntley, Yuna Kim, Ms. Lacy, Mrs. Camuto, Mrs. Scotti, Mr. VanHise, Mrs. Coffey, Mrs. Evertsen, Jennifer Harris, Unnati Patel, Chris Hoffman, Jennifer Lafaman, Maria Ryan, Asma Ahmed, Jennifer Volfson, RoseAnn Sands, Jackie Merritt, Lara Katz, Abelardo, Samantha Strickland

**PTA Administrative Business**

- Meeting called to order by Yuna at 6:34
- Welcome and Happy New Year!
- Approved minutes from December's general meeting

**Monthly Reports**

**OHES Report - Mr. VanHise**

- Happy New Year!
- We are excited to bring the kids back
- 57% remaining online only, 43% will be hybrid - a little more than in the fall
- Most classes will have 4-7 students in person
- Following the guidance of the district physician and health departments
  - Will have a presentation tomorrow
- Eblast will come at end of the week to remind parents of protocols and procedures including what materials to bring
- Cohort info should be correct on Genesis now
- Screening form has been running this week
  - Please remind all parents to fill out
- Equality, Diversity and Social Awareness
  - Each school will make a website for the public
  - Currently have an internal one
  - Weekly announcements and Cub's Culture Corner has had good feedback (weekly since Thanksgiving)
- Day of Play Dec 23
  - Thank you to those who responded to the survey
  - Kudos to the councillors and social emotional learning team

**OHES Teacher Report - Mrs. Coffey**

- Thank you very much for the teacher appreciation gifts!
- Getting ready for next week

**VES Report – Ms. Lacy**

- Young Scholars was successful and everything went smoothly
- Morning News had lots of holiday celebration shares

- Mrs. Lococo retired - staff celebrated her with a drive by
- Student Day of Play occurred and staff had a mindfulness day
- Related Arts Rotation the following day
- Preparing for the return of students
- Capital events response - conversations about the election and electoral college and finding respectful ways to disagree - tied into to our pillars of character
- MLK Day will be celebrated on the morning news
  - Will remind is a day a service - is a day ON not off
- Planning equity website for the end of the month
- Almost done planning virtual assemblies and author visits

#### **VES Teacher Report - Mrs. Evertsen**

- Thank you for the books - waiting for the delivery with baited breath!

#### **VES Report Cont. - Mrs. Camuto**

- 38% hybrid, 62% virtual
- 5-7 students in each class, on average
- Important that the daily screening form is filled out
  - Triggers warning and follow-up
  - Reminder goes out at 8:00, second reminder goes out at 8:40 for those who have not yet filled out,
  - This week a 3rd reminder has gone out at mid-day for the students who will be hybrid
- Cohort and calendar should be correct on Genesis now
- Announcement will go out with reminders
- New hybrid students will receive dismissal sign on first day
- Transportation still working on bus schedules
  - Told will be updated Thursday at noon
  - Still helpful for teachers to receive a parent pick-up note even is opted out of bussing
    - They do have a print out but in case of sub

#### **OHES Report Cont. - Mrs. Scotti**

- Both nurses will be retiring this year
  - Will start interviewing soon
- Will kids be going outside more this year?
  - At both VES and OHES we will try to send them outside everyday it feels above freezing
- Follow-up to question from last meeting about allowing rolling backpacks?
  - Will make acception this year

#### **Co-President Report - Jenna Huntley**

- Mindfulness for Parents and Caregivers
  - Jan 24

- Sponsored by all PTA, PTO, PTSA and MSEPTA
- Free and open to all but must pre-register due to limited capacity

### **Treasurer's Report – Jaime Gostkowski & Chrissy Hoffman**

- Monty Gives Together - made \$4055 including the matching donation
  - Very pleased and impressed with the community
- Reading Night - made \$125 from Alfonso's
- Made \$11.20 from Shop With Us campaign
- Paid \$37.50 for Mindfulness workshop - took money from MSEPTA dance
- Paid \$1510 for teacher appreciation gifts

### **MSEPTA – RoseAnn Sands**

- Next meeting Jan 19
- Recap from last meeting was covered at last PTA meeting
- Clothing drive wrapped-up Dec 15
  - Intend to do it again so stay tuned
  - May be looking for drop-off points if interested in helping
- Gingerbread House selling concluded
- SEPAG moving along - info is available on the website
  - Eager for feedback from parents
- Collecting gently used handbags
  - If need help dropping off Jaime can help
  - Link to store is on MSEPTA Facebook page

### **That Time of Year House Decoration - Maria Ryan**

- Success!
- RoseAnn did a great job communicating
- Angela Sgro left Thank you notes that were very much appreciated
- Parents would like to thank the organizers for all the work and taking the feedback from the Halloween contest

### **Monty Gives – Yuna Kim**

- Developed by a community member and we are very thankful for the thoughtfulness and donation
- Will do it again next year

### **Yearbook – Yuna Kim**

- Will be making a yearbook for each school
- Only purchase by pre-order
  - We will not be purchasing extra this year so need to ensure to buy now
- Need parents help by uploading pictures to fill the yearbook
- Communication is ready to go out to the teachers to take class photos
- Will not be taking photos in school so Milan Rose will open another studio date
  - Need to check if these photos will be included

**Kids Art – Yuna Kim**

- Will be running in the spring
- Parents can upload any piece of art to make into something
- Info out Feb, art due Feb 25, orders to arrive in March
  - Will take 4-5 weeks if ship to home or can ship to school
- Can use any art from any family member, so the whole family can get involved!

**Grants - Chrissy Hoffman**

- 1st and only grant received so far has been approved
- Teachers and principals please be reminded that rolling grants are now happening, so can apply now
  - OHES will include that grant has been approved in their newsletter as a way to promote

**Room Parents - Maria Ryan**

- Will Caring and Sharing parties with room parents be happening this year?
  - VES will talk with leadership team
  - Room parents can reach out to teachers

**Board Of Education Representative - Cookie Franco-Herman**

- Introduction and welcome
- Liaison for all PTA, PTO, and PTSA

**New Business/Announcements/Questions**

None

**Next meeting Wednesday February 10 @ 6:30**

Link will be sent out week of meeting

**Meeting concluded at 7:20**