

MSEPTA General Meeting Minutes 15Sep2020

Attendees: Phyllis Bursh, Rose Anne Sands, Mita Bhattacharya, Jocelyn Pena, Mark Accardi, Tiffany Yordan, Kristen Taylor, Ritika Matsa, Maureen Daniels, Jillian Chianese, Susan Delaney, Jennifer Petrozzini, Regina Dunich, Heather Mondillo, Joann Orlando, Daryl Schwenk, Cory Delgado, Victoria Cooper

- Principal reports
 - Cory Delgado: Goal to get more connected to MSEPTA and interested in feedback from parents with children getting special services.
- BOE liaison report
 - **Action:** Phyllis Bursh will identify BOE liaison
 - Post Meeting Note: Christina Harris stated Jin Patel is our liaison.
- Special Services Director update (Kristen Taylor)
 - In-person student testing now taking place; was put on hold March-June
 - IEP's are still virtual, and will continue with google meets until further notice
 - Hybrid learning update: Plan is to offer students with IEP's in school first and will communicate through special services department and principle grade level building meetings; willing to have question and answer forums with MSEPTA's help. Will still offer remote only instruction as per governor's orders
- SEPAG update (Kristen, Mita)
 - mandate to meet 2X per year
 - Parent led group that works with district to set goals, new programs, specific areas of focus for special services
 - Mita talked with SPAN and stated SEPAG can be a sub-committee of MSEPTA
 - Kristen agreed to work out SEPAG details with MSEPTA
 - **Action:** Mita/Jocelyn to set-up meeting with SPAN speaker to discuss SEPAG roles/responsibilities with MSEPTA board and Kristen
- Teacher liaison reports
 - Mark: UMS;
 - Jillian Chianese (VES): Over last 2 weeks, focused on social, emotional, character building, technology lessons, digital skills
 - **Action:** **Teacher Liaisons** to encourage teacher membership, share teacher grant information, upcoming events, etc.
- Parent liaison reports
 - Rose Anne (MES PTA); MES PTA working with principles on new ways of working and fundraising, focusing on what is possible over the next 90 days. Liaison for newsletter, so will help cross promote MSEPTA and share MSEPTA news. If any personal testimonials or presentations to share, let Rose Ann know.
 - Maureen Daniels (middle school liason); Working with other PTO's for innovative fundraising ideas. Contact if you want to advertise events at middle school.

- o Jocelyn stated the goal for this year is to assure the special services student population are represented in yearbooks.
- Grants (Susan) Introduce teachers to our grants
 - o **Action: Susan** to send Kristen teacher grant application and work with Kristen on email to send to teachers to help explain the types of grants funded
- Virtual Fall Meet & Greet (Maureen & Rose Ann)
 - o This Friday, Sep 18th at 6:00; meet new parents, administration, community (library, police dep't) and share what MSEPTA is about; games for kids
 - o Need to register; so far approx. 30 families with 90 people total
- Newsletter/FB (Heather)
 - o FB going well; Newsletter, more unopened emails than opened; exploring different time to send newsletter
- Membership (JoAnn)
 - o Total 39 members: Parents 31, Teachers 8, Students 0, Community Members 0
- Masks (fundraiser)
 - o ordered 250; unsold, 22 youth and 27 adult; on website for sale
- Zoom
 - o zoom account purchased; limited to 100 participants
- Fundraising family event - ideas
 - o Sponsors for advertisement on emails sent to public
 - o interested businesses should get in touch with Jocelyn
 - o **Action: Kristen** to send work study businesses to Jocelyn and Mita
- Bylaws (Tiffany/JoAnn/Mita/Jocelyn)
 - o working on updating and will meet to finalize
- Treasurer report (Tiffany)
 - o Bank Balance: \$6,142
 - Mask fundraiser: \$1,552 - \$850 (cost) = \$702 profit
 - initial budget drafted, but need to finalize