

## **MSEPTA Meeting Minutes** **Tuesday, Nov 17, 2020 6:30pm**

### **General Meeting:**

#### Attendees:

Mita Bhattacharya  
Jocelyn Pena  
Michael Richards  
Phyllis Bursh  
Mark Accardi  
Stacey Kohler  
Jennifer Petruso  
Audrey Rosenthal  
Jilian Chianese  
Kristen Taylor  
Daryl Schwenck  
Jennifer Volfson  
RoseAnn Sands  
Paulina Dabek  
Heather Mondillo  
JoAnn Orlando  
Susan Delaney  
Tiffany Yordan  
Hope Caldwell  
Denise Sciascia

- Call to Order and Welcome
- Principal Reports
  - Mike Richards; PT conferences coming up; 35% of students in person
- BOE liaison report (searching for new liaison)
  - Contact Phyllis if anything is needed
    - After Thanksgiving break, won't be back hybrid until after Jan; difficulty with employees and low on educators; need to think of special education considerations and needs
- Special Services Director update
  - Kristen: over 127 students in-person instruction K-12; next phase roll in preK-4
  - proud of child study team, over 150 evaluations conducted to resolve backlog, paraprofessionals in breakout rooms, audit being conducted of what was purchased this year for renewal of prescriptions, and look for what will work better and will make a budget presentation
  - shortage of staff; recommendations and much follow guidance, Superintendent will explain rationale
- Teacher liaison reports

- o 3 new liaisons; Audrey Rosenthal (MHS) Jenifer Romano, Christine Young
- o Jen (Village and Orchard)
  - Successful back to school night, bus evacuations completed this week, working on Pillars of citizenship, veterans day and Be Grateful, having pet election, Dec school charity, PJ day to support CHOP, Dwali presentation, prepare holiday drive, PT conferences coming up
- o Mark Accardi (LMS and UMS),
  - PT conferences, celebrate morning announcements, video involves diversity and inclusion, talent sharing, using breakout rooms and encourage cameras to be on
  - at UMS, finished 2 self-care days guided by teachers; 2 days to unplug
  - will take interim role as supervisor 5-8
- Audrey (MHS)
  - jingle all the way for special Olympics; fund raiser; skybox member joined cheerleader team (Grace )and is a flyer
- Parent liaison reports
  - o RoseAnn Sands (MES PTA)
    - alot of fundraising, series of story book sessions, first in Dec; Alfonso's is partner; K, pre-K and special needs children, 40-60 min session; interact prerecording sessions of 5 books Ms. Bohler. every other month; targeting younger kids
- Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG) update-Mita
  - o SPAN Dec. meeting
  - o Requirement for all school for NJ; opportunities to offer input to district; 1st meeting last Tuesday; more data being gathered; next meeting Dec 7th
  - o Dec 15th at 6:30 SPAN Parents involvement in special education; overview of basic rights
- Grants (Susan)
  - o 3 grants, 2 teachers together, both asked for same money and same thing
    - card decks on teachers pay teachers (OHES), same team Ms. Thorp and Ms. K
    - Boom cards purchased for teachers self-contained classroom; interactive slide / interactive google slides \$3-\$49; can make copies for individual student
    - Village Ms. Yakono, decodable books; 3 sets of books Wilson books, phonics readers, 3 book series; physical books (lending books out with book baggies)
- Membership (JoAnn)
  - o teachers 27; community 2; student 1; parents/families 39
  - o Joann to send email to members from last year

- o Joann to write flyer and Kristen can send out when new family registers new students identified to get services
- Fundraising Ideas
  - o Michelle Russo: Poshmark; asking for donations and will post and sell; 80% of sale price goes to MSEPTA; get out to teachers too
  - o Stacey; nothing bundt cakes; gave money back to school; put in newsletter
  - o Hope: Mooya, 10% of proceeds go to MSEPTA
    - fundraising; organized yard sale promote in winter for late spring / summer
- Bylaws
  - o approved at meeting
- Treasurer report
  - o tiffany submitted 990 Tax form
  - o working on audit, need audit committee and 3 people to sign off
  - o Budget approval; \$6,542.03
  - o working on draft budget