

## **PPAS PTA MEETING**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2020 6:30PM via Zoom**

Minutes from November 19th PTA Meeting approved.

Meeting called to order at 6:35PM

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Linda Seigel**

- Introduction of Executive Board members
- Overview of PTA goals
- Child Mind Institute Potential Presentation
  - Speaker
  - Parents voted.....winning presentation is: When to worry about children's worries
- Middle School After School Activities
- Clubs at PPAS
  - Highlighted Veterinary Club & LGBTQ Club (Alliance IS)

### **TREASURER'S REPORT - Sherry Fan**

- \$117K in account
- Budget \$180K
- Fundraising: \$33K so far
  - \$10K from a private foundation
  - \$23K from Annual Fund

### **PARENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT - Teri Gindi**

- Contact Teri for information about PPAS Clubs
- Reminder to sign up for Pupil Path - separate accounts for parent & student
- Encourage parents to look at school newspaper
- Call for student volunteers for the school yearbook
- 8th grade admissions process has yet to be determined
- Reminder that blending learning students are not allowed to go out for lunch - bag lunches are provided
- Kids should wear layers when they return to school - heater will be on and windows will be open

- Students are allowed to retrieve items from lockers - contact Teri

#### FUNDRAISING REPORT - Carol Ann & Mark

- \$40,000 Annual Goal (excluding Gala)
- Today we are at \$31,000 (including ACF, Auction, Foundation, & Swag)
- \$12,120 expected monthly contributions
  - \$2,020 per month
- Fundraising supports:
  - All major performances and productions for Drama, Dance, Musical Theatre, and Vocal
  - Funding the academic classrooms with book, paper, science equipment, and furniture
  - Special assemblies, presentations, extra-curricular performances, events, and much more
- New look for the school website is coming
- Art Auction Successes:
  - Sold 21 pieces of art
  - Sold 74 pieces of PPAS swag
  - Raised more than \$3000 for PPAS
- New PPAS mask designs for sale (\$12 each)
  - <https://www.kazaradesigns.com/ppasptamask.html>
- Other ways to donate:
  - Annual Contribution Fund
  - Amazon Smile
  - Stop & Shop A+ School Rewards

#### SLT REPORT - Nina Yosowitz

- Continue 3-Day Cycle when students return to school
- Peer tutoring program is running
- Adult tutoring available through the JCC
- New Team in the College Advisory office
  - Looking to expand the current 2-person team
  - Plan to connect with 9th graders in the future
- Possibility for study groups for students
- Alumni group
- Next meeting in Mid-January

## MEMBERSHIP TEAM REPORT - Harley & Mike

- Vision
  - Engage every PPAS family with a goal of reaching 100% participation
  - Strengthen connections to build empathy in our community
  - Provide resources to support students (and teachers) in their pursuit of excellence
- Create activities/events that are accessible to all
  - Send ideas to: [vpmembership@ppaspta.org](mailto:vpmembership@ppaspta.org)

## DANCE DELEGATES - Dawn & Jasmine

- Looking to create a Master Class experience for students
- Possible showcase for Black History Month (February)
- Plan to organize a Paint Night fundraiser for PPAS
- Contact: [dancedelegate@ppaspta.org](mailto:dancedelegate@ppaspta.org)

## DRAMA DELEGATES - Rosa & Margaret

- Raised about \$4000
  - Still short \$2500
- Plan to sell drama specific merchandise
- Coordinating events outside of Waterwell
- Considering a 1-act play festival for next year
- Planning a holiday concert for 9th & 10th grade
- Friday night reading series in the works

## MUSICAL THEATRE DELEGATES - Melissa & Dana

- Successful November virtual mixer
- Live streaming performances planned for March for MT3 & MT4
- Working with Mr. Statile to identify fundraising needs
- Contact: [MYDelegate@ppaspta.org](mailto:MYDelegate@ppaspta.org)

### VOCAL DELEGATES - Lisa & Stephanie

- Last day of vocal department classes for 2020 will be December 22
- National Chorale performance on December 20th
- 2 more Vocal Soirees coming up

### MIDDLE SCHOOL DELEGATES - Leslie & Shannon

- 6th graders had a successful *Break Free!* Performance
- 8th grade performance of *She Kills Monsters: Virtual Realms* is December 19th & 20th via Zoom
- Fundraiser with Drama delegates raised \$3945.00
- Need to raise at least \$1000 for Spring performances
- Planning a 6th Grade Parent Zoom gathering in February

### NEW BUSINESS

- Knowledge Project: Teen Zine is looking to create more writing experiences at PPAS
- Interest in having an online talent show and art show
  - Virtual Slam in the Spring
  - Coordinated by a PPAS teacher
  - Drama delegates will follow up
  - Includes High School and Middle School

Next PTA Meeting is January 21, 2021 at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm