

### ***Virtual PTA Meeting***

**Date: June 15, 2020**

**Time: 7:30 pm**

**\*Pledge of Allegiance**

**Motion to start the meeting: Jodi Heywood**

**2<sup>nd</sup> motion made.**

### **Presidents Report:**

***\*Jodi Heywood & Danielle Pomeranz***

#### **Events**

##### **Spirit week**

- June 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>
- PTA and staff created activates for the week
- Today creation challenge – students made towers using any materials they wanted
- Video – send off video where students can talk about anything they want, congratulate a sibling, do a dance, song, etc. The link to drop the video when it is complete is on Facebook. Video is due by Wednesday.
- Additional activities - Virtual Scavenger Hunt within the Google classroom, Wacky Wednesday, Throwback Thursday – Student’s will post a picture of when they were little, Friday – virtual field trips

#### **End of Year Plans**

##### **5<sup>th</sup> grade**

- All classes will be meeting on beach 126 and the boardwalk at assigned staggered times.
- Masks are required
- End of year gifts will be distributed – PJ pants & backpacks.

##### **8<sup>th</sup> grade**

- Live virtual graduation via Zoom, Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.
- On the same day the 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to drive by the school and pick up their diploma. Staff is invited to line the building, wearing masks. The whole school community cannot be invited to attend due to very strict rules.

#### **Budget Report**

- All funds remaining have been rolled over for September.
- All events were refunded: ex. Murder mystery and Bowlerama
- GO store profit is \$2450.58
- Stop ‘N’ Shop – a check for \$4356 will be mailed to the school in June. This beat last year’s record. Our school is already reregistered for the next cycle. Beginning August, a percentage of purchases will be donated to the school. A link to sign up will be on the website and Facebook. This does not cost anything to sign up. Each time you shop money is donated to the school.
- Thank you to GO store workers!

#### **Elections**

- Postponed until – latest 10/31.
- Board positions will be held until that time except for those that have children that are leaving the school.
- No official voting can take place virtually.

## **Principal's Report**

### **\*Mrs. Elizabeth Welcome**

- Budget - \$15,000 gifted to the school from the PTA. This is the only money that will be rolled over because it was from the PTA. Some of this was going to be used for coverage during TC work and sports events.  
The DOE, because of the crisis, took other money back.
- Professional Development for staff - most has been directed towards online learning and virtual platforms.
- Grade meetings and student outreach has been continuous. Administration and teachers talk about students each week.
- TC coaches met with teachers over these past two weeks.
- Feel Good Friday has been fun for staff and students.
- Bedtime stories have been successful.
- School Leadership Team meetings have continued. Some topics discussed - grading policy, models for next year, etc.
- Pre k stepping up last Friday. This was a prerecorded video and shared with parents.
- Friday, June 19th – end of year kindergarten celebration. This will be a prerecorded video and released to parents.
- Yearbook is being published and will hopefully be mailed to the school during the last week of June/first week of July. They will be sold either this year or in September.
- Student Supplies - Most supplies, such as tissues, hand sanitizer and wipes had been used before we began remote learning. Anything left in the building will be used during the next year. A link for buying school supplies for September is on the website. This is just an option. Some parents enjoy this option – There is no obligation to use this company and it is not a fundraiser. It is just a service.
- Students' Personal items – Guidance about letting anyone in the building is very strict. Students are only permitted to retrieve what is necessary, ex. Glasses or an instrument. Teachers are allowed to clean and close up the classrooms, but will only be given 30 – 40 minutes. They are allowed to get what you need and get out.
- Continued work with the advanced literacy team and continuing work as a culturally responsible school – making sure libraries have books representative of all students.
- **Planning for Next Year**
  - Registering pre K and Kindergarten students – This is all on the website. This year families have until the end of June to accept their offered seat.
  - 504 information – links for all forms are on the website, in a folder, labeled - 504 information and forms. Hard copies of all forms must be mailed to the address provided on the website. Forms may not be emailed. Please be sure to make photocopies prior to mailing original forms. Nurse Katie is calling all new incoming students and students who had a medical 504 this past school year.
  - No budget released yet for next year.
  - Pre budget meeting was held with all Appeals schools. This is when there is not enough money given to the school in Fair Student Funding. The budget will hopefully come out before the end of the school year. When it does, SLT will be contacted. Told to expect a 3% cut.
  - Projections – 713 studs next year. This past year – 710 students.

- Four first grades have been requested for next year. At the pre-budget meeting it was shared that this would most likely not happen. We are at the cap with the number of students from Kindergarten to grade 1. We would need to be over the cap in order to have the fourth class added. There are families that have reached out and want to come for grade 1, but unless there are four classes they will not be able to attend.
  - There will be two sixth grade classes.
  - Classes have not been assigned to a specific teacher because until the budget is finalized no final decisions can be made.
  - Articulation week will begin the final week of school. This is so that in the event of a remote learning experience or blended learning experience there will be familiarity with the teachers and students.
  - Gap analysis – Teachers looked at ELA and math standards, in terms of instruction – what standards were covered, need re teaching or because of remote learning may not have been met. This will allow teachers to fill in the gap and cover what was not taught.
  - Classes will be moving up intact where possible. Information regarding students will be shared from teacher to teacher.
  - All letters on Remind are also on the school website.
  - Return to school 2020 survey – The chancellor would like all families to complete this survey so that parent input can be considered for September.
  - Unfortunately there are no definitive answers about September.
    - Best Case – in person teaching
    - Possibility of a Blended Learning Experience – Some in person and some virtual, Rotation model – morning and afternoon sessions, Flex model – some courses are on line and some are in person...all just possibilities at this time.
  - Building Survey – Following social distancing guidelines, how many people can be in the school during one time? Mrs. Glynn, UFT rep, will be doing a walk through with Mrs. Welsome and they will look at each room. Different number of students will fit in the different rooms.
  - Based on current social distancing guidelines, the DOE states that our school would be able to have 300-330 students at a time. So, we would need at least 3 cohorts if we were to split for a blended learning approach. Unfortunately, there is no other information regarding this issue at this time and everything is still tentative.
  - Questions have arisen as whether the DOE is considering the schedules of working parents. Unfortunately this is going to be difficult for parents as well as staff.
  - There will be work done on this over the summer and as soon as decisions are made parents will be told. Parents should check our website and keep on the Remind app.
- **ilearn nyc** - DOE mandated that each school choose either Google classroom or ilearn nyc for Remote Learning for September. Administration and the instructional team watched the online learning platform webinar for ilearn NYC. They were very impressed. Some of the curriculum is embedded in the program and is very user friendly. Instructional leadership team is meeting tomorrow to continue the discussion. Families will be told as soon as a decision is made.
  - No decision regarding bussing has been made.

**Assistant Principal**

**\*Mrs. D. Fulchetti-Puglin**

- Special education meetings have been held throughout the remote learning months. Teachers met to trouble shoot, discuss small group instruction, etc.
- Final special education meeting tomorrow.
- Reevaluations and initials are being held his week and next. More information will be coming regarding remote testing for new cases.
- Sensory Room Project was funded early in the school year. Looking forward to beginning project when we return to school.

**Parent Questions/Concerns/Suggestions**

- Will there be summer prep for next year? Packets sent home?  
Nothing like that has been planned. Perhaps Google classroom activities will be archived.
- No, we were not awarded a ULIT coach.
- Would siblings be kept on the same schedule?  
Currently the DOE has not determined the model that each school should follow. The individual schools will be creating the plan. So this is something that will be taken into consideration when possible.
- Will a new music teacher be hired?  
All decisions will be made after the budget is finalized.

***Thank you! – from Jodi and Danielle***

Two Board Members have children that are graduating from the school. Usually there would be a gift and a special thank you.

**Dana Bello** has been the Middle School liaison for several years.

**Rachel Gallagher** has been on the board, fundraising committee, for many years and has run many events.

**Mrs. Welsome** – Thank you for your support and always willing to work with the PTA.

**Board Members** – Thank you for your creativity, ideas, events and activities – thank you for your support.

**Parent Volunteers** - This year many parents volunteered at bake sales and other events. This is appreciated and we are looking forward to being together again!

***Thank you! – from Mrs. Welsome***

Thank you to the families

Thank you to the staff.

This is a Team effort.

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***Thank you Danielle and Jodi for being dedicated PTA presidents,  
especially during such a difficult time.  
Your support and hard work is appreciated!***