

Silver Hill Elementary Virtual PTO Meeting

President: Nicole Kardos

Vice President: Amy Nazzaro

Secretary: Ualla Bisbano

Treasurer: Andrea Barman

Call to Order: 6:07 pm (09:11)

Administrative Update & Comments: (18:14)

- *Mr. Parker - Vice Principal*

- Bus situation is getting ironed out - tracking every child who gets on or off the bus for contact tracing. RLA pictures on Wed.

- *Mr. Gray - Principal*

- In person photos went smoothly hoping for the same for the RLA students. Unexpected, fire drill due to thinking the fire department was changing their protocols. Time wise - slightly longer than usual, but went smoothly and with last year's protocols with social distancing.

Treasurer's Report & Comments (23:40)

- Total is close to \$22,000 (last year started at a little under \$17,000)

- *Student Needs:* Discussed how we can incorporate enrichment into this year and what needs to be taken into consideration. As long as the existing safety procedures are followed it should be fine. There was a suggestion to use the tents so the RLA kids can meet as a class once or twice before it gets too cold. The tents are a month by month rental across the district, and Mr. Gray was unsure how much longer they will be available, but is fine with utilizing them for an RLA get together. It was suggested and agreed that Nicole will head a committee for Remote experience to keep the RLA kids connected with the rest of the school. RLA accounts for about 35% of the school population.

- *Staff Needs:* Mr.Parker will be sending out a survey to get a better idea of what is needed. First suggestion from many of the teachers was

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TeachersPayTeachers.com. PTO will wait on the results of the survey but will also consider gift cards for Teachers Pay Teachers.

Funding Requests: *none (42:26)*

5th Grade Committee Update (42:45)

- Kate Gillogly created FB page for parents/guardians of 5th grade students this year. There will be an email address to share photos. Sara and Nicole volunteered for the 5th grade YB.
- *Photos for Yearbook*
 - One suggestion for making sure that all students have the opportunity to be photographed for the yearbooks (5th and school wide) was to have a photographer in to get pictures of the remote kids whenever they are at the school.
 - Ualla will start a Silverhill PTO Instagram page and will use a hashtag to try to get more photos that way.

Schoolwide Yearbook

- Confirmed that Jeni is committed to heading this project again and Andrea has volunteered to help.

Upcoming Events (1:00:01)

- *Chicken Connection* - 10/27 11:00 am - 8:00 pm. 20% will go to the school when you mention Silver Hill.
- *Virtual Fun Run - 11/24*
 - Theme: Silver Hill Runs from 2020!
 - Event will be run by the same company (BoosterThon). They've made a logo and t-shirts will be made for anyone who gets a sponsor for the virtual fun run. Running will take place in your neighborhood or wherever you can socially distance. Kick-off will be second week in November.
 - Discussed what getting a sponsor would look like: Parents will sign kids up on the BoosterThon site, then send a link to friends and family requesting sponsorship. There will be different tiers/challenges for prizes (ie - get sponsors in the most number of states)

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- During the last Fun Run, 200 students participated and there were sponsors from over 27 states. PTO made about \$13k.
- Currently have three sponsors - Jeni's real estate company, Pentucket Bank and Haverhill Bank with a total of \$750 in donations already.
- *The Virtual Little Shoppers' Shoppe*
 - It was felt that the turn-out was down last year. It was suggested that we put a survey on PTO page. Mr. Parker requested that the PTO gets more details about what it would entail and more specifics about the process. Key questions: Is there a way to get free shipping? Would parents be putting in their credit cards and giving the kids free reign?
- *Other event ideas*
 - Nicole will take the lead in trying to come up with some social distancing fun ideas
 - Silver Graphics (deadline 11/4): Kids who were in school started their projects in class. Some finished and brought home completed projects but some kids might need to finish at home. RLA kids can do whatever type of project they want. Everyone needs to upload projects to Silver Graphics and order online. All items will be shipped directly to the individuals - nothing shipped to the school.
 - It was suggested that we do an online cookie dough fundraiser, but shipping might be tricky.

PTO Transition Strategies (1:23:50)

- This will be Andrea's last year. She is looking for someone to take over what she does so she can start sharing all the needed information. Jeni was nominated but she has declined the position since doing the yearbook has been very time consuming. It was suggested that we create a handbook to help with continuity.

Meeting Adjourned - Next meeting Monday, 11/9 at 6 pm on Zoom.