**PTO meeting minutes 6.10. 20**

Kelsey – welcome

**Treasurer Report** Sean – Solid year – we came out $1-2 K ahead of last year. Great considering we paid of the $10K match to the annual fund.

Current budget: $25K

Grant award from South Baltimore Gateway parnership - $50K for playground overhaul!

Scott Huot has been the unsung hero of our community – he has had a HUGE hand in this and so many other great things in our neighborhood. (THANK YOU, SCOTT!!!) Renovations to include: shade covers, new benches, drainage and much more.

This project has been over a year in the making. Funds are delayed bc of the pandemic – stay tuned!

Thank you Sean, for ALL you did to make this a reality!!!

**Annual Fund** – Rebecca – Raised $46, 675

Paid out $37, 796 this year. $107K current balance

**Teacher appreciation week** – Erin K

Teachers were given Amazon gift certificates this year in lieu of current events. They were very well received! Erin is looking for someone to take over teacher appreciation week next year – she is happy to help facilitate the transition. Please email PTO is you are willing/ able! Thank you!

**Fall Festival** – Erin K - Will obviously be different this year – need to think out of the box – going to be hard to go door to door of businesses that are already struggling. If you or anyone you know is an artist, owns a beach house/ lake house etc. please consider donating! In addition, buying gift certificates from local businesses is a win win.

The fall festival committee is also going to encourage businesses to put coupons in the program as well as having space for people to put in salutations.

This event generally brings in more than $20K so we need to really push to make that mark this year.

**School Supplies** – Brandie

Once ordered ( stay tuned for classroom parent message this summer regarding ordering) they will be delivered to student’s homes instead of the school.

**Bull Roast** – Brandie

Deposits already made (knights of Columbus, etc.) will be honored for next year’s event.

**Mr. D updates**

8th grade closing yesterday was a very dignified ceremony (virtually). Every student was represented. There were slide shows, words of advice, etc.

Student redistribution of belongings went well - a HUGE thanks to Stacey Godeski and Jill Hitt and all the teachers who had to pack up all the kid’s belongings. This was clearly no easy task and the process was so smooth!

**National History day** – Several students moved on to the district level. Amelia Valdez got second place in the district and moved onto the statewide level! Congrats, Emilia!!!

**Debate Team** – Mrs. McClure and Mrs. Olszewski wanted to continue this virtually and so they did. The team had a virtual tournament on April 25th and rocked it! Congrats to all our winners on their great work!!

**In the Elementary Congressional Session...**

Samuel Brown placed seventh

Millicent Grimaldi placed fifth

Carly Burd placed third

Eliana Dendinger placed second

August Brown placed first

**In the Middle School Congressional Session...**

Zilani Mutinda placed seventh

Abe Stolbach placed second

**In the policy debate team category...**

Valerie Winter and Bridget Dugan placed second

Max Freeman and Olivia Tlusty placed first

**In the policy debate speaker category**...

Max Freeman placed fourth

Valerie Winter placed third

Bridget Dugan placed second

Olivia Tlusty placed first

Budget is still in place – funds to be released to schools in July.

We spent all our funds for the year with less than $1K remaining.

All staff will return except for Camille Turner who will be leaving and moving out of state. A replacement for her has already been hired.

**Online learning update**:

* High attendance rate
* Multiple methods of reaching students
* Tech distribution to over 100 students)
* Wellness checks
* Shift from connection to content. The next step is to continue increasing the level of rigor.

Small groups were created for ESOL and GAL and special education.

Next steps:

Key areas of focus – what is the fall going to look like? The district will dictate this.

Thoughts vary. One would be having groups - Group A and Group B would each go for 1-2 days a week or have groups go to school one week on, one week off (for in person learning). Due to the staggered nature, siblings will be considered when scheduling.

D has weekly meetings with central office and a group of 17 principals.

Considerations are being made for small group instruction.

PD for teachers being held 6.16 – 6.23 and during the summer.

Grading – end of year grades – there will be no 4th quarter grade other than pass or incomplete. The average for the year will be for quarters 1-3. Additional points of 0,2,4 or 6 points will be added to the 1st -3rd quarter average based on the consistency of work completed during the 4th quarter during distance learning.

No statewide testing for the year, obviously. All students are exempt from this.

Maggie Flister/ Jen Wendler - committee was developed to work on plans for in school vs. hybrid schooling.

Katie Scotti – online platforms

Curriculum was purchased – “Insync” – in combination with Eureka math and Wit & Wisdom. Handouts will be able to be typed into instead of using Kami.

Videos will be 15 min max. Our teachers will supplement what is discussed in videos.

Vertical planning – teachers will chat with other teachers from previous grade levels to cover what might have been missed this year and plan lessons accordingly. Along these lines, regardless of testing, teachers will discuss student’s strengths and weaknesses to carry forward for next year.

Teachers are working on ways to keep kids engaged through applications such as nearpod, etc.

Social justice lessons being looked into for next school year – there is clearly a need for this and it will be addressed. There is no district curriculum for this so it would be developed on the school level. Staff has had equity PD over the past two years.

Parent communication – a survey will be sent out – looking for ways to streamline communication. Feedback will be welcomed on what worked and didn’t work from teachers, parents and students alike.

Would also like to get a group of parents to be a thought partner in this – similar to school family council. Looking for a parent committee to give feedback on distance learning.

Summer access – Clever will be available through the summer – passwords will stay in place until one week before school begins again.

Code.org – please continue on current course – do not go to the next level.

Other option for online learning over the summer – outschool.com – you have to pay for this one, however.

Thank you so much to the teachers, parents and students for ALL you have done during this stressful time! We appreciate you.

Expect to see a survey soon for feedback!!