**PTG Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, 10/16 @ 7:00pm | Willard Elementary School**

***Attendance:*** *Yumi Suarez, Kristen Lester, Kaitlyn Whittier, Bryn Hilts, Amy Amick, Matt Lucey, Darcy Heintz-Perkins, Sam Jaddou, Alexa Anderson, Robin Baughman, Laura Bulino, Amy Casher, Jamie Ring, Erinn Prebil, Liz McKneely, Amy Gelineau, Amala Muthappan, Marissa Seastrand, Elizabeth Mone, Victoria Klimkiewicz, Marie Cuddy, Anjuli Curran, Emily Perez, Olivia Percy, Diana Abata*

**Special Discussion –** Concord Planning Board delegate

Planning board reviews special permits, advises town on potential zoning board changes.

Issue at hand with current lack of housing in Massachusetts; how do we get more market- based housing in MA. New MBTA Communities initiative review- Transit oriented is a requirement (centered around the commuter rail stations) and minimum requirements to be met around population density. Only 50% of it needs to be within the ½ mile radius of commuter rail. Town cannot impose age restrictions; needs to be family accessible.

Minimum of 15 units/acre with a minimum of 50 acres but different caveats impact the toal amount of units needed by the town.

Mr. Lucey shared some information on behalf of Dr. Hunter. In looking at the totality of enrollment in our schools, Dr. Hunter has the ability to shift students among elementary schools (as done previously with The Prescott Units, children of staff). Just because something sits in our district doesn’t necessarily mean the students will be coming to Willard.

**Principal and Teacher Update** - Matt Lucey

Lot of great vibes in the building. Picture day was a success, author visits are fabulous. The 5th grade author who visited said he was blown away by the engagement of the students- said it was most engaged group he’s ever had.

In Working with before/after school Concord rec program – any disruption to their services need to be accounted for so ask to PTG to look at events and provide advanced notice to school.

Would like to work with treasurer on handling of cash within the building especially with financial aid/cash provided to students. Come up with a process of handing over cash for different purposes. Also, Math Olympiad is looking for reimbursement for their past 3 years of work- PTG Presidents to follow up.

Unable to accommodate the 3rd grade Plimoth Patuxet field trip due to issue of equity with other schools. Recommendation to seek funding for all schools for this from Concord Ed Fund.

MCAS scores should have been received. Keep in mind this is one day and one data point in kids’ competencies and Willard has extensive programs to assess needs for support, etc.

Will be looking for two school advisory council members- stay tuned for more information.

**Presidents' Update**- Kristen Lester/Kaitlyn Whittier

Picture day went really well- thanks to Meagan MacNutt and Katie Lyneis. Parent Social event ticket sales are now available on PTG website.

Directories are being printed this week and will be distributed next week-thanks to KC Camp for all her efforts. Author visits are happening and going well- thanks to Liz Nazdo for her work on these. Fall treats for staff will be handed out next week.

**PTG Committee/Events/Initiatives**

Annual Appeal/Sponsorships- Yumi Suarez

At $14,000, 41% of goal, a little behind from last year so hopefully it will catch up. Regular reminders will be coming out. Total amount of $3360 was raised in sponsorships in directory. Would like to run a thank you campaign where we highlight different sponsors as a new effort.

Social Committee Events- Darcy Heintz-Perkins and Erinn Prebil

Parent social on November 3rd at Nashawtuc Country Club, 7-10pm. Tickets will be on sale soon, $40/each. Auction will be held at this event and we are looking for auction items.

Book Fair- Jamie Ring and Darcy Heintz-Perkins

Will be held October 17th and 18th. Silver Unicorn is our partner, parent volunteer led event, All profits go to library resources and purchasing of books for classrooms. Increase in financial assistance this year (25 students)- will remove this amount from profits.

Communications Update- Sam Jaddou and Laura Bulino

Please use the [weekly@willardptg.org](mailto:weekly@willardptg.org) email moving forward as we have multiple people now helping with communications.

Please use the [www.willardptg.org](http://www.willardptg.org) website for event information and updates on PTG meetings, etc.