**Willard PTG Meeting**

**February 7, 2022**

**Attendance**

Liz Colgan, Jamie Ring, Colleen Currier, Robin Baughman, Kruti Shah, KC Camp, Janet King, Yumi Suarez, Darcy Heintz-Perkins, Matt Lucey, Jeanne Fahey, Sarah Schulsinger, Chelsea Chaudhary

**Presidents' Welcome and Recap** - Liz Colgan

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm. Lots of planning taking place for spring activities. Excited to be holding the pop-up social event taking place on Wednesday afternoon (2/9)- using budget from Family Game Night for this event. Spelling Bee being organized for early March in person. Tentatively planning for science fair in early April - ideally to be held inside.

PTG bylaws need to updated every three years- this project is ongoing.

**Principal and Teacher Update**- Matt Lucey

With lower case counts, looks more likely that we can begin to have some in person events. 100% of staff vaccinated and about 85% of kids are vaccinated at Willard. Activities like spelling bee and year-end activities likely to be held. If numbers come down and stay down, we will begin thinking about changes for this more endemic phase that we are heading into.

Faculty meeting today- gratitude for PTG support and staff appreciation gestures. There was a question about talent show as 5th grade teachers are hoping this can take place- PTG needs a team to help pull something together. Perhaps we consider a smaller show in the Spring.

Planning for next year taking place including a more typical Kindergarten orientation. Final stages of budget work with school committee- needs of Willard are represented there and if it moves forward, we are in great shape for 2022-23 school year.

New middle school passing is very exciting. Progress reports are coming up for both students with IEPs and regular education students and all will be digitally provided next Friday. In the process of hiring a new Assistant Superintendent with Willard representatives on that hiring team. Spring conferences will still be virtual.

**PTG Committee Updates**

**Treasurer's Report -**Collen Currier

Quiet month for treasurer. A few annual appeal donations have come in. Holiday card proceeds are in from Snapfish as well as boxtops initiative. Classroom teacher funds continue to be reimbursed and staff appreciation projects have been reimbursed as well. Running on track for budget.

**Charity and Service** –Janet King Please share any ideas with charity@willardptg.org

Souperbowl is underway- flier came home in backpacks. Running through 2/11/22. Goal of 1000 soup cans to be donated to Open Table. Willard students are making Valentine’s for Minuteman Arc and local nursing homes. Ms. Saunders is helping as well as a few classrooms.

Coats for Kids program was a huge success. Middle School collected the most coats in the state and received $2500 prized. Participating district schools (including Willard) will benefit from this prize- principals in discussion about this.

Working with 5th grade on spring service day in early June.

**5th grade committee update** - Kruti Shah Entering into a busy stage of planning celebrations for the 5th graders. Thoreau Club visit being planned for June. Parent Social also being planned for May/June. Yearbook is in planning phase- photos being collected. T-shirt project/logo being finalized.

**Staff Appreciation update-** Robin Baughman on behalf of Karisa Lorenz

Very excited that potluck lunches can resume for teachers. In past years, we did 4-5 each school year. A food theme is selected for each lunch and parent volunteers from a select grade help make food. Hoping to get one organized for March.

Valentine’s treat bags for teachers being prepared.

Other upcoming events:

April 27th Administrative Appreciation Day; plans underway for lunch for that team.

May 6th- Nurse appreciation Day

Bus Driver appreciation Day also in Spring

**Spring Event Update-** Sarah Schulsinger

Free all-school community event. May 15th 2-4pm. DJ Mike coming, will set up outdoors with a tent. Runs contests, brings hula hoops and other fun activities. Raffle will likely take place at this event.

**International Festival**- Jeanne Fahey

Outdoor, in person event planned for April 30th from 3-5pm with a rain date of May 1st. Tents will be back outside the school at this point so can be held if it’s drizzly. Will include tables, food (possibly food trucks), entertainment led by Mr. Piper.

As a lead up to the program, will offer some zoom activities including trivia, cooking classes, etc. as these were really popular. Currently recruiting families to showcase their culture or a culture of interest.

**Social Committee-** Darcy Heintz-Perkins

Parent social being looked at for the Spring. Assessing possibility for someone’s home or a local venue. Most likely will be outdoors and date being finalized.

**General Membership Questions/Comments**

Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.

**PTG meeting schedule for 2022**

March 7th at 9:30am

April 11th at 7pm

May 9th at 9:30am

June 6th at 7pm