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Willard PTG Meeting

March 1, 2021

Attendance

Janet King, Meagan MacNutt, Rebecca Lemaitre, Sam Jaddou, Darcy Heintz-Perkins, Susannah Benner, Liz Colgan, Matt Lucey, Sydney Pressley, Tracy DeTora, Colleen Currier, Alex Ruhmann, Yumi Suarez, Gracie P., Jennifer Buchanan, Robin Baughman, Matt Davenport

Welcome & Recap (Janet King)

- Janet officially calls meeting to order; February meeting minutes were approved via email and are now posted on PTG website
- A large table banner was designed and purchased and is available for use at PTG events any time
- Looking ahead to the spring: Math Night has decided to postpone until next year. Science Fair will look into the possibility of occurring remotely. Next Superintendent meeting will be Thursday March 11 - please pass along questions for Laurie Hunter!
- Reminder that the slate of nominations for PTG officers will be at the May meeting; please volunteer for Board positions or Committee Chairs!

Principal Update (Matt Lucey)

- Discussion of new state order for schools to reopen full time in April, starting with K-5, and with middle and high school to follow; Matt points out the hope that this moves educators up in priority for immunization. Full-day school will



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include transportation at the end of the day and lunch at school, as well as Specials in the afternoons. Janet asks if this affects the ability to hold events outdoors in the spring, although likely not. Sam asks about PTG's role and how we can help, but adults who are not part of the Willard closed system still cannot enter the building. Those wishing to write to the government about the new mandate and/or MCAS can reach out to the state's Education Commissioner or the local State Representative.

- 10 students are returning from remote learning academy as of April, bringing the school down to 7% students learning remotely
- COVID pool testing began for staff 3 weeks ago, and student testing began this week. Cohort students are grouped with their teachers. Of the 29 pools sent this first week, 28 were negative (1 error), with 50% participation rate. Alex asks about frequency of testing (1xweek). The group discusses the CCHS testing site which is available to those who have had a known COVID contact or exposure, but doesn't have as quick a turnaround as Cambridge site. CCHS is \$60 and Cambridge is \$80
- School Advisory Council will be looking at Willard's reopening plan next month. Lucey mentions the exciting momentum with the music curriculum, with David Piper teaching all 3 schools this year and the other 2 schools currently filling vacant positions.
- MCAS is still scheduled at the beginning of April, unless different notice is given from the state. Please see dates on the Aspen website.

Teacher Update (Sydney Presley)

- Exciting update on efforts by students in Ms. Pressley's classes, who wrote local government to gain recognition for Civil War veteran George Washington Dugan. The town will erect a plaque next to the memorial with other veteran's names. Congratulations to the students and teachers on this tremendous achievement!
- The PTG 5th Grade Celebration planning is underway.
 - The PTG provides the funds for the yearbooks, certificates, t-shirts, and field day activities



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- o Service Day will be for Open Table and conducted in the classroom. Open Table's leader will attend via Zoom.
- o 6/9: car parade at Willard with teachers outside, roughly 1.30 pm.
- o 6/10: certificates given (and/or yearbooks depending on availability of pictures from Coffee Press)
- o 6/11: outdoor ceremony, most likely a Field Day organized by Mr. Germond. PTG will provide ice cream
- o 6/14: Commemoration speeches that parents can watch over Zoom
- o 6/15: Yearbooks available/book signing (and/or certificates given)
- o 6/16 Last day of school

Social Committee (Meagan MacNutt/Darcy Heintz-Perkins)

- The group discusses possible parent social Zooms and whether people are Zoomed out; consensus is that it's worth it for parents in grades k-2, with older classes possibly to follow
- Colleen and Tracy will circulate information for Room Parents to host the Zoom or find a host for each class.
- Date tentatively set for March 25, 8-9 PM; sessions will begin with trivia questions. Sydney suggests kids can even help draft the trivia. Cheese or dessert plates will be available from Concord Market for \$20

International Festival recap (Rebecca Lemaitre)

- Festival was a big success; weekday workshops averaged around 20 families, and 30 families tuned in to the final presentation on Saturday.
- Possibility of brining Homa Tavangar in person to next year's festival. Families who participated will receive a gift of her Global Kids activity cards as a thank you.

Beach Blanket Bingo recap (Meagan MacNutt)

- A great success: 86 kids logged on over 2 separate Zooms, with everyone connected and attentive.



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- Prizes have been delivered; thank you Meagan and Sue Reynolds!

Talent Show (Alex Ruhmann)

- The event will be a PowerPoint broadcast as a Zoom webinar on April 30th. The theme this year is Everyday Heroes.
- Rules this year include:
 - 90 second time limit
 - Other household members can participate BUT student should still be the star of the show.
 - All social distancing rules must be observed for outdoor performances with members outside of the household.
- Logo contest happening soon.
- 5th graders can be announcers for each act, since they can't be stage crew this year.
- Paper program to be sent home day of the event
- Group discusses whether the event should be recorded, and decides it is all right to do so

Willard Weekly/Website (Sam Jaddou)

- Sam reminds the group to please send updated information for spring events.
- All pages from past years/events are still available/archived, if anyone needs to see them

Fundraising (Susannah Benner)

- Fundraising efforts have wrapped for the year; PTG will wait on the raffle until next year.
- A big thank you to Susannah! Holiday cards raised over \$1,000, pinwheels were over \$500 and sponsorship in the Directory was over \$2,000



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Annual Appeal (Yumi Suarez)

- Many thanks to Yumi who is taking over the position from Angel Lindenmuth
- Current total revenue from Annual Appeal is \$23,432.56, coming from 96 families and 9 corporate matches

Treasurer's Report (Collen Currier)

- Updates this month included:
 - A few additional employer matches to Annual Appeal
 - invoices for the Directory
 - check in from Holiday Cards fundraiser
- Colleen reads excerpts from teacher thank you notes written by Sarah Kwok and Amy Delaney
- Janet asks how we can remind the staff to use the funds available to them. Initiative to follow in the Morning Bulletin and reminders at faculty meeting

Staff Appreciation (Robin Baughman)

- Valentine's Day event was big success with the bonus that parents could see the table out front at pick-up! Teachers enjoyed cookies/apples/seltzer. Future event TBD for late March/early April
- Administrative Professionals Day is usually an office lunch from Panera; exact details this year TBD.
- Teacher appreciation coming up May 3-7
- Bus Driver Appreciation is normally a breakfast; the committee is discussing ways to make this year's event Covid-safe.

****Next meeting**** April 5, 2021, 9.30 a.m., Zoom