**Willard PTG Meeting**

**March 7, 2022**

**Attendance**

Liz Colgan, Jamie Ring, Colleen Currier, Meagan MacNutt, Amy Casher, Kristen Lester, Emily Lines, Susannah Benner, Jen Buchanan, Ann Thornley, Robin Baughman, Jeanne Fahey, Janet King, KC Camp, Bryn Hilts

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

Meeting called to order at 9:32am. We are excited to have traditional in person events coming up! February outdoor playdate was a success and well attended. Thanks to Debbie Gilmore and Cayla Barnett for hosting and the custodial staff for their help. Spelling Bee is being held in a few weeks and the Science Fair coming up in early April. April evening PTG meeting will try to be held in person at school. Assemblies group will be meeting to begin planning for next school year with a robust offering for students.

**Principal and Teacher Update**- Mr. Lucey/ Jon Smith

Masks are optional as of today. Masks on school buses will be discussed in the near future (Federal regulation). \* Following the PTG meeting the bus mask mandate was lifted. Pool testing will continue and the protocol remains that if positive case occurs, individual to stay at home for 5 days and then wear a mask for additional 5 days. Antigen testing is continuing through the end of April and not sure yet of plans after that (handled by the state). Nurse’s office will require masking.

Final candidates for Assistant Superintendent for Business are in process- strong candidates. School budget is being finalized. MCAS is now back and dates are forthcoming. Pleased with the charity work that the PTG is supporting for the school. Free lunches will continue through the end of the school year. Hoping that the 22-23 school year will be very much back to normal. Parent volunteers in the building are unlikely for now.

Update from Jon on behalf of the staff: Staff is incredibly grateful for the support of PTG and the energy of the kids is so strong and positive. Glad to be back to hosting field trips though no parent volunteers still.

**PTG Committee Updates**

**Treasurer's Report -**Collen Currier

Picture day proceeds came in. A few expenses have come through including 2nd grade assembly, 5th grade pool party, staff coffee service, and classroom teacher reimbursements. These continue to be low so Matt will remind teachers to submit expenses.

**International Festival update** - Jeanne Fahey

April 30th will be the date of the festival with a rain date of May 1st. Will be held outside and will use existing tents. Previous event had a video produced and Jeanne is wondering if we can share this further with the school community to generate interest. Tables will showcase different cultures and a separate area will be set up for both crafts and food.

**Parent social update -** Robin Baughman on behalf of Darcy Heintz Perkins and Nicole Saia

Friday May 6th is the date, exact time of day to be determined but evening time. Considering hosting at Verrill Farm versus a family’s home. Food and beverage would be offered; minimal cost to host the event at Verrill ($150). Polled the group about thoughts of having it at a venue versus a home with support for Verrill Farm if that can work. There will be an admission charge- still being determined. More information to come.

**Raffle update** - Ann Thornley

Each class will create a basket to be raffled off at Spring Event (May 15th is the date of the Spring Event from 2-4pm).

Room parents will spearhead efforts to create a themed basket. Committee will supply themes and ideas for items to include. Sign up genius will be offered to room parents to sign up for a theme. Baskets will need to be in the week after April break. Susannah Benner will store the baskets. Baskets will likely go on display at school to generate interest from students. 24 baskets is the goal (one for each class). Process for the raffle itself is that winners will be chosen at the end of the Spring event and no need to be present to win.

**Charity and Service** –Janet King

Please share any ideas with charity@willardptg.org

5th grade service day- June 2nd is tentative date. In touch with Concord Land Trust/Gaining Ground about possible service opportunities.

Ukraine supply drive will be held March 8th-18th. Donated items we are specifically asking for families to consider donating are: bars of soap, diapers, protein/granola bars, stuffed animals (new with tags), toothbrushes. Items will be sent via a registered non-profit, NuDay Syria, to refugee centers in Ukraine and Poland. Fliers will be sent home with students and communications in the Willard Weekly and an email blast is forthcoming. Families can also use a provided link to make monetary donations to UNICEF.

**Communications/Willard Weekly-** Liz Colgan on behalf of Samantha Jaddou

Website: As we see an uptake of activities in spring, please be sure to keep our website info up to date. Some instructions:

    ⁃    For event dates, as soon as you have a date, inform Sam to add to the list of events.

    ⁃    For event details, you may find past event details via the search function of the websites, so you can leverage the similar verbiage. Then send the new event details to Sam to post on Website.

    ⁃    All events will automatically appear on the home page of the PTG website and disappear after the event expires.

    ⁃  Please keep the PTG website up to date and be the source of truth. We can always link parents from the weekly to the website for details.

**General Membership Questions/Comments**

5th grade committee will be meeting this week and will follow up with Matt and Sherry for planning.

Question about when outdoor tent will be constructed as several groups are planning on using the tent for outdoor events.

Thanks to all the parent volunteers for their hard work in resuming school events and thanks to Matt for ongoing communication and support!

Meeting adjourned at 10:26am.

**PTG meeting schedule for 2022**

April 11th at 7pm

May 9th at 9:30am

June 6th at 7pm