**Willard PTG Meeting**

**January 10, 2022**

**Attendance**

Liz Colgan, Jamie Ring, Colleen Currier, Susannah Benner, Meagan MacNutt, Yumi Suarez, Tracy DeTora, Amy Casher, Kristen Lester, Emily Lines, Kieran Nicholson, Darcy Heintz-Perkins

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

Meeting called to order at 9:33am. Thank you to the staff appreciation team for the holiday gift provided before the break. Currently backing off any indoor activities due to COVID case count but outdoor activities are permissible though not ideal with winter weather. Liz recognized how hard staff and teachers are working through the current Omicron situation.

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

Unable to attend meeting

**PTG Committee Updates**

**Treasurer's Report -**Collen Currier

Quiet over the holidays- some directories are still being purchased, Baystate textiles proceeds came in, some additional annual appeal funding came in also over the break. Expenses this month include holiday gifts for staff, teacher reimbursement for classroom expenses, coffee refill for the staff.

**Annual Appeal -** Yumi Suarez

$27,000 raised (80% of goal) to date. Will include reminders in Willard Weekly over the next few weeks.

**Virtual Auction and Fundraising** - Susannah Benner

Minted purchases have raised $522 through 12/13. Auction closed out with $5650 in proceeds. Teacher experiences were the most highly sought after items. Brainstorming around ways to increase participation (around 55 bidders participated) and bidding amounts next year.

**Charity and Service** – Liz on behalf of Janet King

Please share any ideas with charity@willardptg.org

-Confirming Halfway Day plans (students and staff can dress up 'halfway' and donate 50 cents to Open Table)

-February Valentine’s for senior citizens

-Souperbowl canned soup drive

Thank you to the 3rd grade Willard Brownie troop for helping with the New Year’s project with Council on Aging

**Assembly and Enrichment**- Amy Casher

Looks like we will be able to do grade level assemblies this year. Bash the Trash event being planned for second graders. Working with fifth grade on a Concord Museum/ revolutionary war event. Several other options in development. Many vendors are not operating right now so are looking at other possible venues such as Drumlin Farm.

**General Membership Questions/Comments**

Question about 5th grade planning committee activities. Liz will follow up.

Amy Casher hosted a class parent social outdoors at her home; parents enjoyed getting together and wanted to raise this as a possibility for other classes to consider.

Darcy Heintz-Perkins raised doing something for Patsy Sullivan given her non-stop efforts with COVID management including over the holiday break. Emily Lines also suggested considering other staff who have increased responsibilities like the custodial team. Liz will check in with administration on ways to acknowledge their efforts.

Meeting adjourned at 9:59 am.

**PTG meeting schedule for 2022**

February 7th at 7pm

March 7th at 9:30am

April 11th at 7pm

May 9th at 9:30am

June 6th at 7pm