**Wilton Special Education Parent Teacher Association**

**MEETING Minutes – February 10, 2021**

**7:00- 8:30 pm**

* Welcome and Introductions
* Administrative Update
	+ Assistant Superintendent,**Andrea Leonardi**will join us to provide an administrative update from Student Support Services.
		- SPED Parent Survey
			* Survey went to approx. 900 families (IEP, 504, in referral process)
			* 378 responses
			* Represent all schools and grade levels
			* Working on getting school level data for each school to act upon
		- 4-day transition for Middlebrook
		- 5 days is in conversation
	+ Assistant Directors, **Sharon DeAngelo**and **Melissa Barret** will provide an update on Summer ESY Programming.
		- Recap of family input from summer 2020
		- Moving forward with in person ESY – Collaborative Center and Summer Fun Group (K-5).
		- 5 weeks for Collaborative Center– June 28 – August 5
			* One week off in July
			* Last week is separate from Summer Fun program as it will end week of July 20
		- 4 weeks for Tutorial students – June 28 – July 29
		- Summer Fun Flyer is completed
			* Olympian Theme – open for all children in the district
			* $200 week – Mon-Thur
			* 9:00 – 12:30
			* Activities to foster academic, life, and social and emotional skills – partner between IEP students and typical students
			* COVID safe/small groups (10-12)
		- Secondary students
			* Bring in any students who want to be in
			* Remote or in-person option – initial feedback favored virtual. Going to see for additional feedback – survey to parents after break
			* TIMS and LINK collaboration
			* Enrichment Themed Experiences – support social skills
			* Community steps in collaboration with Norwalk Community College.
		- Genesis is 11-month program so same programs will run
			* 20 students enrolled
			* Program is thriving
			* Staff remains the same. Can serve up to 25 students
			* 3-4 to graduate at the end of the school year
* President Report – Kara Berghaus
* Secretary Report – Rosalie Witt
	+ Approve January Minutes
	+ Motion to approve January minutes: Kara Berghaus
	+ Second: Debra Eggleston
* Treasurer Report – Debra Eggleston
	+ Two grants approved
	+ Bee Kind – could make up to $2400 from mask sales
* Membership- Donna Peterson
	+ Two new teacher members
* Technology Update- Lisa Strasser
* Committees Reports
	+ Fundraising and Grants – Lori Fusco
		- Gift and Grants –
		- Miller-Driscoll/Mary Todd Goodspeed
			* Books to support mental health and social and emotional learning
			* Benefit 40 students
		- Julie Bookbinder/Middle Brook
			* Learning platform for students – Everyday Speech
			* Supporting speech/language
			* Benefits 25 students
		- Miller/Driscoll PTA collaborate – Gift
			* Boom Learning
	+ Community and Family Events – Kara Berghaus
		- * Sensory Processing Art Experience
				+ Trackside
				+ 4 Saturdays
				+ 6 students to a group
				+ Grades 2 -5
			* Social connection and enrichment (Hangout Spot)
				+ 6 sessions
				+ Themed social groups to support social development
				+ Hangout Spot location in Norwalk
			* Collaboration with WYC and SPED\*NET
* Spring Diversity and Inclusion Planning:
	+ Bee Kind Campaign- Need to select a date for “Dress Like a Bee”
		- Masks for students and staff
		- MB volunteers needed
			* Spread the Word to End the Word can be connected to Bee Kind Campaign.
		- Collaboration with HS TIMS Club- Joy Lawrence

**Future Planning:**

Set Date for next SEPTA Meeting- March 2021

Board Member Succession plans