**Wilton Special Education Parent Teacher Association**

**MEETING MINUTES– May 12, 2021**

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

**Attendance:** Kara Berghaus, Rosalie Witt, Donna Peterson, Jennifer Acerra-Markey, Lori Fusco, Polly Metz, Suzanne Farrell Smith, Emily Ripple, Nicole Querze, Jaqueline Scaringella, Melissa Barrett, Deborah Low

Rosalie Witt proxy for Debra Eggelston

* Welcome and Introductions
* President Report Year End Summary
	+ ELA committee review, digital, social/emotional & developmental guidance representation
	+ Re-Cap Spring Programming:
		- Diversity and Inclusion
			* Be Kind (K-5) – spirit day/Dress Like a Bee/Masks
			* Lockers of Love (6-8)
			* Spread the Word T-shirts (9-12)
				+ Collaborative Center effort

Spread the for inclusion

Bags/Bracelets and media campaign

* + - Sensory Art Experience at Trackside in March
		- Hangout Spot offered but not implemented
	+ PTA Collaborations, WYC, SPED NET
		- Student/Family Enrichment Programming
			* Health and Wellness
			* Supporting students in and out of school
	+ Digital access/assistive technology – long range goal in collaboration with other PTA’s
	+ Wilton Youth Coalition – Talking Changes- Diversity and Humanity Training
* Administrative Update – Andrea Leonardi
	+ Wilton to receive $800,000 to address goals like learning recovery, SEL, etc.
		- Plan us due on June 7
		- Feedback needed from community – survey
	+ Applied for $20,000 grant and awarded
		- Catch up and updates for next year
			* Evaluation teams to work over the summer to be better prepared for the fall
			* Recovery will take over a few years
	+ ESY
		- 4 day in-person program is ready to be implemented
			* Hoping students in 18-22 population can get out community
	+ District summer learning plan
		- No additional funding at this time
		- Application submitted for IDEA grant
		- TIER 1, 2 and 3 getting academic interventions – being voted by the BOE on 5/13/21 under the umbrella of the federal dollars (American Rescue Plan)
	+ Anticipated changes for next year
		- Expect to be in full-day and five days
		- Not anticipating offering full-remote or hybrid option
	+ 2021-2022 District Planning
* Committee Reports
	+ Fundraising and Grants
		- Gift and Grants - Recap for 2021
		- New Gift/Grant Requests
			* Polly Metz - Summer Summit and SMARTS Training for Executive Functioning
				+ Have two teachers attend the PD over the summer and then come back and share the information with the rest of the staff.
				+ Meant to serve all children, not just SPED.
				+ SEPTA board to meet again to discuss approval
	+ Community and Family Events
		- Spring/ Fall events and webinars
* Secretary Report – Approve February minutes
	+ Kara – motion to approve
	+ Rosalie - second
* Treasurer Report
	+ Rosalie presented actuals vs budget
	+ We are at break even and able to spend another $2000 on gifts and grants as needed.
* Membership
	+ Current SEPTA Members for 2020-2021 school year
	+ Mobile Arq
	+ Open Positions for next year
		- New SEPTA President Search
		- Secretary
		- Web Master
		- Programming Chair
* Round Table/ Questions
	+ Middlebrook Schedule
* Adjourn