**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
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