**Wilton Special Education Parent Teacher Association**

**MEETING Minutes – November 16, 2021**

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

* **Welcome and Introductions**
* **Secretary**
	+ Approve October Minutes
		- Motion to approve - Kara
		- Second - Debra
	+ Membership update - 114 - families and teachers combined
* **Budget Update**
	+ Bracelet money
	+ Membership dues - $1650
		- Carryover from MA
		- Total - $1900
	+ CT dues paid when higher by $200
	+ Gifts and Grants - $30.48
		- Overall budget is $3000
	+ Community Events - $2500
	+ Teacher Appreciation ESY
	+ Checking is $13,500 - in good standing
* **President Report**
	+ Programing
		- parent social - Night of Yoga and wellness - december 16
		- SPED\*NET, WYC, and SEPTA collaboration
			* Feb 1 - Dawn Huegner (district included in collaboration)
			* Series on Assistive Technology - webinar format for families and students
			* Spring campaign for kindness and inclusion
				+ Wish - Bring in a speaker for the community
		- Touch A Truck event and Wilton CAD Program
			* 90 families in attendance
			* First even collaboration with Wilton ER Team (Police, Fire, EMT)
* **Administrative Update on Accelerated Learning:** (Sharon DeAngelo, Assistant Director of Support Services for Pre-K through 5th grade and Melissa Barrett, Assistant Director for Student Support Services for 6th- 12th grade)
	+ Sharon - introduced MD and CM teachers to share gifts and grants
	+ **Support Services Instructional Leader Team Update on Gifts and Grants to support learning at all four schools:**
		- **Miller Driscoll**-
			* Lisa Hill
			* BOOM program - technology - gamification driven instruction to increase engagement in learning for reading instruction.
			* Karent Farber - Ross Greene book
			* Mary -Todd Goodspeed - books to support social and emotional development..
		- **Cider Mill**- Abby Searfoss
			* Flexible seating
			* Dry erase table
			* Phonics learning centers
		- **Middlebrook**-
			* Polly Metz -
				+ Every day speech- curriculum designed k- 8
				+ Executive Function training

Used by guidance department

Pushed out through general ed teachers/curriculum

Shared with WPD

* + - **Wilton Highschool-**
			* Joy Lawrence - Portrait of a Graduate
			* Unified Sports
			* Garden for FLEX program
* **Gift and Grants**
	+ Karen Farber @ MD - Ross Green: Lost and Found (Book)
	+ Betsy Caridi @ MB - 2 adjustable desk folding exercise bikes
	+ Monica - dry erase table
	+ Fundraising
		- For 2023 - Peer Mentoring Program - focus on diversity and inclusion
		- Teacher scholarship fund
	+ Committee Recruitment
		- Community and Family Events
		- Diversity and Inclusion School Programming
* **Q & A Session**
* **Adjourn**
* **Next meeting: February 2**

**Attendance:** Melissa Barrett, Joy Lawrence, Abby Searfoss, Janine Kelly, Jenny Tesler, Lisa Hill, Poly Metz, Sara Z, Sharon DeAngelo, Varina W., Jennifer Lalor, Debra Eggelston, Cynthia Astrologo, Rosalie Witt, Donna Peterson.