**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.