**MEETING Minutes – November 14 2018**

**11:00-12:15pm**

Welcome and Introductions

SEPTA Formation update and Outreach

   Open Positions: Membership, Fundraising, Gift and Grants, School Representatives

* Kara shared information about the steps that have been taken to move toward the completion of Wilton SEPTA.

Meetings with MD, CM, MB, and HS:

* Kara shared overall details of the meetings with the different school administrators.
* Meeting offered information on current barriers
  + Supports that are needed to work toward building stronger parent and administration relationships
* Each meeting also served to solicit feedback on a staff survey that is in the process of being developed.

Margot shared the questions and additional feedback was provided.

* Questions shared with the group
  + Make questions more quantitative
  + Rethink the word/ask for resources in #5
  + Ask about programs that already exists and what assistance would be needed to enhance the program.
  + Feedback solicited from the group
    - Question about social and emotional development was appreciated
* Kara references budget time issues that come with limited funding – SEPTA can help to fundraise for needed supports and enhance the connection to more families.
  + Request for parent resources for the pre-referral process and at the high school level
  + A need for support at home – bring support programs for success in homework at home.
  + For new families – a parent connection to offer
  + Be integrated into programs and not a separate entity – strengthen what already exists
  + Student representation
  + Include regular ed teachers
  + Attention is needed around transition – needs to start in 6th grade and create trajectory through high school.
    - The transition to college/career. Not as supportive. Parents don’t understand that what they are eligible and entitled to is different because colleges are not mandated by the same laws under IDEA.
    - Having a student be part of the PPT process.
  + Bringing in the school nurses as a resource – medical perspective of special needs

Margot – college inclusion conference at UVM

* + How to support students in the transition in, during and the transition out.
  + Looking to the high schools for support
  + Access to mental health/social emotional support

Upcoming meeting dates:

* 11/27- CM meeting at 2:30 to meet with IL

(Abby searfoss) and Special Ed team

* 11/28- HS meeting @ 3:10 pm to meet with the HS Instructional Team arranged by Amy Korn- AP

 Officer Reports

a. Treasurer Report- Debra Clark

* Bank account established

b. Membership Report- Discuss Membership Drive/ fundraising- All

* 11 members so far
* $10 for teachers and $15 for members

d. Secretary Report- Rosalie Witt

* Creating a list of members so people can check off names when signing in

e. Technology update-

* membership registration is available online at WiltonSepta.org

Other Updates:

* Top Inclusion Model happening again March/April
* Kara and Tammy met with the Turn Over shop – will give the PTA and then it will be divided and SEPTA will be included

Upcoming Events: Swim Team Movie- Winter Social/ Membership Drive

* Karen shared information on first official SEPTA event – Swim Team Movie
* Friday November 30 at the little theatre
* Co -sponsored with WYC, SPED\*NET Wilton
* Panel of professionals after the meeting
* Please register on Eventbrite – link available on Facebook
* SEPTA table to help promote membership
  + Do a raffle to give away an item.

By-Laws and minutes approval

* Motion made by Kara to approve the current by-laws and meeting minutes from October meeting
* Amanda provided a second to the motion.
* No discussions
* Motion passed by all members.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15

Next Meeting: December 12 at 9:15