**Worthington Hooker PTA Meeting Minutes**

**February 17, 2021**

**Call to Order 6:00pm via Zoom**

**PTA Board Members Present:** Wolfgang Fink, Peter Butler, Claire Roosien, William Hawkins, Jessica Light, Claire Rowe, Yashmun Filipczak-Morisseau

**Staff Present:** M. Ackerman, MM Gethings, J Clarino

**Parents/Guardians Present (as of 6:05pm)**:Kim Shirkhani, Vicki Grubaugh, Laura Dan, Ifat Levy, Sandra Malan-B, Wendy, Kim, Veronica, Alana, MD Kaimul Ahsan; Monique Bowen; Ilana Richman

**Approval of Minutes from December and January:**

J Light amended that Covid Fund has more $$ not solely because of J Light’s donation; Amended Minutes passed with all yays, none opposed.

December minutes- Yashmun’s last name is wrong; Amended Minutes unanimously approved.

**Treasurer’s Report**: January has been a quiet month; $65,500 total in our accounts, have spent $1,300 since last meeting, mostly related to teacher reimbursements.

**Principal’s Report** (given by MM Gethings): Rollout of in person learning has gone smoothly; loss of Wednesday as an academic day is felt; no access to playground yet for lower school but students received individual bags of chalk and created a flower; laundry baskets being used rather than cubbies; all grade level teams are figuring out best ways to foster discussion and communication/student discourse; Tree of Hope initiative for hopeful messages; trying to return to more of a sense of normalcy with students doing the morning announcements, planning town meetings on googlemeet, theme days, clubs, voices, etc so kids feel connected to school and important; thank you notes from families have been much appreciated; new benches for outdoor learning from Home Depot for both buildings; NHPS Day of Healing and Hope will be 2/24 with more info to come; 34% of family are remote with 66% in person; 6th-8th are coming starting March 2, looks like 73% will be in person with the Upper Grades coming back soon; are doing individual student transitions as they arise; 10-13 kids in Canner per room and about 16 at Whitney (with 6 feet nose to nose); don’t anticipate issue with 7th and 8th grade returning in terms of space b/c still have the Library and Music room that they have not yet used if space becomes an issue; ultimate goal is to keep each class intact; not being able to go outside for PE has been a challenge; WHS is leading the district with attendance but still some disengaged; still moving forward with Student Life (podcast, Revels, Band, essay contests, etc); did state required assessments recently; No reported cases of Covid that took place at school; all school cases are reported on the NHPS website

**New Business:**

Covid Relief Funds- (Claire Roosien presented)- in the Spring PTA had allocated 13k for Covid Enrichment Fund and there was a committee to approve items for purchased; 5k left so need volunteers to approve those expenditures- Vicki Grubaugh volunteered vparson82@gmail.com; Laura Daniels ldaniels114@gmail.com volunteered as well, as did Monique Bowen.

**Fundraising:** Lani has moved to Hamden so Event Chair/Fundraising is an open seat- 136 Pizza Night will happen (need to pick a date)

**Survey Results:** Main goal of the survey was to get a sense for what our parents need and if there is any way for the PTA to help

**Open Discussion:**

**M. Ackerman –** sometimes doing things on a smaller scale work well to help fundraising

**W. Hawkins-** Whitney Ave Reconfiguration- public comment available on link shared in the chat;

**Wolfgang**- is there a timeframe for teacher vaccinations? MMG says no but are in the queue.

**MMG**- also informed of the 7th Grade Scavenger Hunt and are exploring a Spring Fair and Field Day if they can be done safely.

**J Light**- would like members for the Gardening Committee (Vicki G said she might be able to help), also need to create a watering schedule, possibly a Spring Clean Up Day, as did Claire Roosien

Motion to Adjourn by Claire Roosien, seconded by Claire Rowe.

Meeting adjourned 7:01pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 17, 6pm

Minutes submitted by: Peter Butler