

PTO Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 29, 2017
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Presidents' Report (Debra Stephans: MES and Melanie Paxinopoulos: FMS)

- Approved minutes from 10/20 meeting
- Sold 120 NY Jets football tickets and may include PHHS next year
- NY Jets football ticket holders will receive email about parking 2 days before the 12/3 game
- MEF suggested that the PTO hold the NY Jets event *before* Casino Night next year to avoid overlap in ticket sales
- Holiday Boutique items arrived on 11/29 and Chairpersons need volunteers to dismantle everything on 12/8
- International Day Chairperson needs to clarify communication to acquire volunteers and need pictures for yearbook
- Book Fair dates are 1/22-1/26 and Winter Carnival date is 2/7
- Chose front and back covers for the yearbook, need to upload pictures from school events with grade and teacher, need to find out about baby pictures, and send links to purchase albums

VP Report on Class Parents (Cindy Merlino: MES and Tara Hill: FMS)

- Thank you to class parents for Halloween celebration
- Holiday celebration will take place on 12/22 (Friday)
- Class lists were sent to parents in October and total class donations for combined MEF/PTO came to \$1,451 from Fieldstone

Treasurer's Report (Annette Vozzolo)

- Results of October and November fundraisers (Fieldstone Book Fair raised \$761, Yankee Candle raised \$2,700, Carousel Cakes raised \$1,300, KidStuff Coupon Books raised \$3,000 & Fieldstone Fridays for 5th, 6th & 7th Grades raised \$1,100)
- PTO Sponsored Assemblies (Fieldstone: Michael Fowlin "You Don't Know Me Until You Know Me") assembly - \$1,500, Camfel Productions ("Point of View") assembly - \$595, and Jordan Sonnenblick (7th grade) assembly - \$2,405, Memorial: Camfel Productions ("Eye to Eye") assembly - \$595
- Annual tax review and filing of the PTO's tax return had an accountant fee cost of \$5,500 as of 11/15
- Please support the remaining fundraisers for the next 3 months

Corresponding Secretary (Mrs. D'Amaro)

- Thank you for Thanksgiving crafts in the classrooms
- Will get a word out about Shutterfly fundraiser and Winter Carnival volunteers
- Can class parents share their craft ideas? Either set up a share page or share pictures with each other.

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Darren Petersen

- Thank you to MEF for Casino Night
- Re-elected 3 BOE members and BOE was very active on 12/11 and 12/18 at state and county levels
- Quebec City for Fieldstone French students provided them with an authentic learning opportunity
- Ms. Burkel celebrated her 25 years of service
- Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up on 12/6 & 12/7

Principal of FMS, Ms. McCormack

- Character Education was responsible for the following: 1) Michael Fowlin assembly in late October about acceptance and diversity, 2) “Point of View” assembly was a multimedia presentation, and 3) author Jordan Sonnenblick discussed writing narrative text with 7th Graders
- 5th Grade handprints are in orange
- Authors of *The Adventurers Guild* (book by Nick Eliopoulos and Zack Loran Clark) talked about their writing experiences
- Latin American Expressions is about Hispanic dances at Tarrytown and had lunch at Northvale
- Students handled themselves well during Ms. Leon’s trip to Quebec
- Integrating “Screenagers” (45 minutes) with overuse of technology. Faculty and students will see it in Physical Education and coordinate on advisory day
- Completed food drive to Tri-Boro Food Pantry
- Scholastic will match our donation of pajamas with books at the Pajama Drive
- Winter concert will be held during the week of 12/4 at 7:30PM

Principal of MES, Mr. Collier

- Thank you to MEF’s Judith Laquidara for Casino Night and PTO for “Eye to Eye” character education assembly
- PTO provide help for field trips
- Spread the word for Teacher of the Year nominations
- 1st & 2nd Grade teachers stepped up to the plate by teaching their students in the gym and assisting with relocation efforts
- Teachers will submit lists for damage and contractors will work on rebuild for remediation
- Picture Makeup Day will take place on 11/30 and please bring old photos back
- Boxes arrived for the Holiday Boutique on 11/29
- Single Session Days for teacher conferences will be on 12/6 and 12/7
- Genesis will open up for report cards on 12/7
- Winter Choir Concert will take place on 12/14
- 8th Grade students will present at International Day

Assistant Principal of MES, Mr. Pellegrino

- Major push with character education team
- Memorial MAC Eagle
- November is empathy month

Assistant Principal of FMS, Mr. Scherer

- Lego Robotics placed in Bergen County Brick Fest
- Ms. Leon challenged students to bring vegetables from home (i.e. zucchini cookies and kale chips) for the Healthy Harvesters
- Sixty students tried out for basketball on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

Director of 21st Century Education, Curriculum and Instruction, Mr. Parks

- 8th Grade Digital Photography created short stories with photography and aligned their projects to Core Curriculum Standards thanks to \$4,910 grant
- Books and Reading Nooks (Grades K-1) has two phases thanks to \$15,000 grant:
1) Teacher libraries will infuse about 1,600 books and 2) Enhance reading nooks

MEF, Judith Laquidara (Treasurer)

- You can become a trustee with voting privileges after attending 3 MEF meetings
- Combined balance came to \$115,000
- One grant outstanding for Books & Reading Nooks #387
- Spirit Wear sales came to \$1,300
- Casino Night made a total of \$21,000
- The Canteen in Westwood will host a shopping week from 12/4-12/9 and donate 10% of sales to the MEF
- MEF Challenge will happen in May after PARCC
- Organize possible book drop locations before Spring Book Fair

PHHS Coalition, Ronnie Silver

- Focus is at the middle school level to reduce at-risk behavior of teens and preteens in a stigma free environment (no negative feelings) to seek mental health
- Hills/Valley coalition started 19 years ago in River Vale, Woodcliff Lake, Montvale, and Hillsdale
- Coalition consists of school personnel, educators, parents, healthcare providers and law enforcement
- Meet 4 times a year at the Montvale Municipal Building and next meeting will take place on 12/4 at 5:00PM
- Distribute newsletter twice a year and hold assemblies and programs
- “Screenagers” at Pascack Valley HS will take place on 12/6
- Encourage ban of all phone and computers one day per week to reduce anxiety

Meeting adjourned.