

Walnut Avenue School

Virtual PTA Meeting

September 29, 2020

7pm - Andrea Yurcison Call to Order
Quorum called - 66-71 virtual participants
No previous minutes to be approved

Treasurer Report - Mike Davitt - almost all events cancelled at this point. Cut fundraising in half for the budget - will have a loss of approx 10k - halfway to pta membership numbers from last year.

Vote on Budget via "raise hand" Jessica Sinnott, David Waring, Jennie Piniero

VP membership - Katherine Manago - Please join PTA - 212 members thus far, last year ended with 334 members. Open donations can be matched by companies

VP Fundraising - Kim and Karyn
Kim - Square 1 art, 10/9 due date for virtual students to get their art work in.
Karyn - holiday boutique will possibly have a virtual shopping option.

Corresponding Secretary - Jennie Piniero
Class and grade parent zoom to take place on 10/5 to learn responsibilities
Teachers will also be on call

Special Committee -
Melissa Breslin - 10/6 School picture - virtual students will be given a time to attend and have photos taken
All orders will be placed online to help minimize touching
Teachers must have photos taken in order to make composite class pictures

- yearbook committee, pre school to first grade order before 9/30 to receive 10% off
Second graders will be gifted yearbooks from PTA

Box tops - download app and scan receipts. If we earn \$1000 McNally will do something fun like the teal hair from last year

Walk to school/crossing guard appreciation day - 10/7 - extra volunteers to help at the doors, taking temps and doing attestation forms. Music will be played, virtual students will be asked to walk around the block, maybe chalk the walk the night prior, coloring form for crossing guards have been sent home

Halloween drive in movie event - 10/20 and 10/21

7pm. Movie to be selected. non candy PTA goodie bag will be given out.
Decorate your car and dress up!

Andrea report - WAS strong no matter the distance - step it up fundraiser put on hold but end of year purchased new art tables, new iPads, pennants given to students graduating as part of a new initiative, brain pop was purchased for teachers to use
Possible assembly Dan Gutman for second graders
New website is up and running!!

Ms McNally - Police resource officers usually join us for first PTA meeting - Cranford Alliance, CFEE, safety and well being procedures, attestation completed on app prior to arriving at school. Temp checks for all people entering the building. Cougar paws painted outside to help students remain distant. Visitors limited and must follow strict protocol. Monthly fire drill postponed with students but all drills will begin again in oct. Many partnerships going into make this school year safe including a new partnership with OEM

Virtual vs. Live stream in K-2 classes - Virtual is 100% at home and live stream taking place from the front of the classroom.

Academics - standards based - work on trimesters - non virtual teacher conferences - bench marks built for each individual student.

Ms Rivetti - social and emotional growth - has extensive webpage and worked diligently on week of hello

Effective communication - please ensure you are receiving friday blasts -

Back to school night is 9/30 - specials teachers will be in the same meet group

Nov PTA mtg to be announced.

7:53 meeting adjourned.