PTO Meeting Minutes

March 20th, 2018

8:55am Welcome

1. Dr. Ben Dov

Budget Adaptation old way vs new way

2% cap on budget still in effect

Public no longer votes

Some increase comes from the state

State has given “tools” to increase

“enrollment waiver” given if enrollment increases

If healthcare increases, we can use healthcare waiver which we can use this year

State aid number given in March, presenting budget this Wednesday

Goals: additional in class support, hired 2 new hires, LSC, STEAM,

Many things depend on next years budget

Safety protocols to be enhanced can come from capitol reserve new roof for Roosevelt School, many unknowns in the budget and unsettles contracts

Students sent out of district , need more money

New student from new apartments

River Edge under funded received money from state aid for LSC, new science centers, professional days, phonix program chrome books and ipads for STEAM lab, Cherry Hill field reseeded

Any money left over can go to capitol reserve

Rebates back from some programs

Healthcare costs increase 2%

Contracts

3 rules for budget

1. Budget sustain the future
2. Tax payers predicament

May 2, public hearing on the budget

1. Diane McDermott – Puerto Rico Project

Clothing drive based on age of child in school

Summer clothes please

Hoping for 4 large boxes to ship

Write letters to children in Puerto Rico

Dumpling fundraiser earned $2016.00

1. Liza Schoen – PTO co president resigned

Restructuring board

Jenene Ziegler now Vice president

Open position Recording secretary

1. Be SMART

5 point presentation

Gun safety at home

All pto of all schools working together

Presentation with law enforcement

Know what responsible gun storage is

11,000 residents, 7, 000 guns in town

4/23 school safety discussion parents only please

Beth Rosen School Safety Specialist

1. Talent show 4/20

Wristbands will be used as tickets

Flowers, snacks and boosters will be sold

1. Lunch committee

Meeting sometime in April

Met with VP to discuss lunches in Closter, they must be a member of the PTO to participate

Directory possibly online next year

Other ideas, google translate, chat groups, a new family packet

1. Book Fair 4/23-4/27

Browsing days and buying days for students

Open during Art Show

New book fair this year, more choices

Need volunteers

1. Treasurers report

4 carts of chrome books, Vote, yes

Emergency kits for lockdowns

1. Mrs. Heitman

Math carnival all grades 6pm 3/22

Confernces rescheduled for 3/22 same times

PARCC testing coming up

6th grade BOE application and meeting 4/25 if chosen

Art show 4/26