

**PTA Meeting
1.5.2022**

Called to order 7:03 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Guest Speakers

● **Mr. Giancaspro-**

- Happy New Year & Hope everyone is doing well with during the challenging time with the new variants
- Parents have adjusted nicely and publicly want to thank everyone involved for th
- 8th grade Dance- Assured the committee that the dance will be reschedule atas it was cancelled due to COVID
 - Will be in contact with committee chair to come up with a plan
- School nurses have been working tirelessly
- At one time 190 students out quarantining or isolating because of positive test of
- All districts are different cannot compare to other districts
- Concerns regarding asynchronous versus synchronous learning
- The road forward plan is constantly updating
- Meadowlands testing- 466 Midland Ave in Garfield
- Dr. Marth Sliwoski- on Locust Ave for testing as well
 - Will no longer be able to test students that are not patients until they can receive more kits
- Some parents feel as though the district is being too strict
- Parents may be getting confused between the differences in verbiage
 - Many of the guidance says up to district to make a decision
 - The CDC sets guidelines for public and then separately for K-12 schools and also the NJ Dept of Health
- On Friday parents will receive updated communication about the road forward updates
- Has been some confusion regarding rec program and 7 & 8th grade basketball and cheering
 - The Supt is not preventing the rec dept from holding events
 - When the numbers were so high the goal is to protect the children
 - Just got off the phone with the board president and VP about the 6th and 7th grade rec program
 - 7th and 8th grade boys travel team will be allowed to practice with strict guidelines
 - Not acting on fear but acting on data
 - Follow proper channels to get approvals

- Faust Update-
 - Fire safety has passed inspection
 - Waiting on building inspection- do not anticipate any problems
 - Once gets stamp of approval Mrs. Barrale can get info out to parents next week
 - Looking at a date of Tuesday Jan 18th for students to be back in the building
 - If something crazy happens would be the 24th
 - Board approved single session for Wednesday the 12th and Friday the 14th- For **FAUST** School
 - Sometime in early February- Open House for parents to come in to see the building
 - Next week county Supt and BA will be coming in for a walk through
- **Questions**
 - Since the older kids are able to do basketball can the 3rd and 4th grade boys move forward with BBall?
 - Will have to go through the proper channels
 - Contact tracing requirement, Mask Required
 - Concern and questions about recess- kids not doing anything at recess and no ability to interact
 - Students are within their classrooms in order to contact trace
 - Following the safety guidelines
 - Snow days or closings- Will these be handled as normal?
 - Last year was able to not do snow days and do remote learning
 - This year not an option
 - Are students going to be able to do in class parties? Can students bring in their own snacks to celebrate together?
 - This is a challenging time. We cannot control the numbers. If they were going down we thought maybe we could do more.
 - I would like to say yes that this will be able to happen. But right now it is too crazy and we cant control the numbers
 - Follow Up- Can snack be used in that capacity?
 - That is already happening. For example the day before a holiday they are doing activities
 - No outside foods being sent in
 - Teachers are celebrating each individual child's birthdays- Teachers have been very creative in celebrating

- **Mr. Barrow-**

- Wish everyone a Happy New Year
- Thank parents for their collaboration and support
- Thank the nurses for hard work and dedication over the last month.
- Thanks for ERPD and DPW for all of their work
- Students have been tremendous and resilient

- Hoping things will get better
 - The past month has been very difficult
- Thanks to the staff for all of their hard work and dedication
- **Mrs. Barrale-**
 - Happy New Year
 - A lot of exciting things happening can fill in more at the next meeting

Agenda

Correspondence

- Pat Monks
- Gina Monelo
- Mrs. Judy Schneider
- ER Education Association
- Mrs. Barrale
- Alex Rawson
- Mrs. Petrone
- O'Connor

Treasurer's Report

- All balanced
- Report available online
- Thanks for everyone supporting us during the tree lighting event
- Some fundraisers in December
- Hope all of the staff love their mugs
- Tax returns are completed and posted

Membership

- Currently at 164 members
- Links are available on PTA on district website
- Links available on the PTA Facebook page

8th Grade Committee

- 8th graders versus Faust volleyball game- February
- 8th graders versus ERPD Bball game- March

Old Business

- Check out meeting minutes and treasurers report on website
- If placed Wildcat order in November- keep an eye out for shipping notification
- Picture retake pics will be shipped out on or around the 14th

New Business

Nominating committee will be starting soon as all board seat are up for re-election

Questions

Next Meeting is February 2, 2022

Meeting Adjourned- 7:58 pm