**Wilton Special Education Parent Teacher Association**

**MEETING Minutes – February 10, 2021**

**7:00- 8:30 pm**

* Welcome and Introductions
* Administrative Update
  + Assistant Superintendent,**Andrea Leonardi**will join us to provide an administrative update from Student Support Services.
    - SPED Parent Survey
      * Survey went to approx. 900 families (IEP, 504, in referral process)
      * 378 responses
      * Represent all schools and grade levels
      * Working on getting school level data for each school to act upon
    - 4-day transition for Middlebrook
    - 5 days is in conversation
  + Assistant Directors, **Sharon DeAngelo**and **Melissa Barret** will provide an update on Summer ESY Programming.
    - Recap of family input from summer 2020
    - Moving forward with in person ESY – Collaborative Center and Summer Fun Group (K-5).
    - 5 weeks for Collaborative Center– June 28 – August 5
      * One week off in July
      * Last week is separate from Summer Fun program as it will end week of July 20
    - 4 weeks for Tutorial students – June 28 – July 29
    - Summer Fun Flyer is completed
      * Olympian Theme – open for all children in the district
      * $200 week – Mon-Thur
      * 9:00 – 12:30
      * Activities to foster academic, life, and social and emotional skills – partner between IEP students and typical students
      * COVID safe/small groups (10-12)
    - Secondary students
      * Bring in any students who want to be in
      * Remote or in-person option – initial feedback favored virtual. Going to see for additional feedback – survey to parents after break
      * TIMS and LINK collaboration
      * Enrichment Themed Experiences – support social skills
      * Community steps in collaboration with Norwalk Community College.
    - Genesis is 11-month program so same programs will run
      * 20 students enrolled
      * Program is thriving
      * Staff remains the same. Can serve up to 25 students
      * 3-4 to graduate at the end of the school year
* President Report – Kara Berghaus
* Secretary Report – Rosalie Witt
  + Approve January Minutes
  + Motion to approve January minutes: Kara Berghaus
  + Second: Debra Eggleston
* Treasurer Report – Debra Eggleston
  + Two grants approved
  + Bee Kind – could make up to $2400 from mask sales
* Membership- Donna Peterson
  + Two new teacher members
* Technology Update- Lisa Strasser
* Committees Reports
  + Fundraising and Grants – Lori Fusco
    - Gift and Grants –
    - Miller-Driscoll/Mary Todd Goodspeed
      * Books to support mental health and social and emotional learning
      * Benefit 40 students
    - Julie Bookbinder/Middle Brook
      * Learning platform for students – Everyday Speech
      * Supporting speech/language
      * Benefits 25 students
    - Miller/Driscoll PTA collaborate – Gift
      * Boom Learning
  + Community and Family Events – Kara Berghaus
    - * Sensory Processing Art Experience
        + Trackside
        + 4 Saturdays
        + 6 students to a group
        + Grades 2 -5
      * Social connection and enrichment (Hangout Spot)
        + 6 sessions
        + Themed social groups to support social development
        + Hangout Spot location in Norwalk
      * Collaboration with WYC and SPED\*NET
* Spring Diversity and Inclusion Planning:
  + Bee Kind Campaign- Need to select a date for “Dress Like a Bee”
    - Masks for students and staff
    - MB volunteers needed
      * Spread the Word to End the Word can be connected to Bee Kind Campaign.
    - Collaboration with HS TIMS Club- Joy Lawrence

**Future Planning:**

Set Date for next SEPTA Meeting- March 2021

Board Member Succession plans