**Wilton Special Education Parent Teacher Association**

**MEETING Minutes – January 13, 2021**

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

* Welcome and Introductions
* President Report – Kara Berghaus
	+ Collaboration with school PTA Presidents
	+ SEL Support and Outreach
		- Middlebrook did a Warrior Reach out effort
* Secretary Report – Rosalie Witt
	+ Approve September Minutes
		- Motion to approve the SEPTA 2020-2021- Lisa Strasser
		- Second – Kara Berghaus
	+ Approve the 2020-2021 Budget
* Treasurer Report – Debra Eggleston
	+ Current: $17,000
	+ Turnover Shop – donation received for 2021 - $5000
	+ Carry over of $12,000
	+ Focus on programming and Gifts and Grants
	+ Motion to approve the SEPTA 2020-2021- Donna Peterson
	+ Second- Debra Eggleston
* Committees Reports
	+ Fundraising and Grants – Lori Fusco
		- Gift and Grants –
			* Betsy Caridi - MB
				+ Materials to help with science focus
			* Jacqueline Scaringella – scholastic subscription – impacted 30 children
			* Miller-Driscoll
				+ Boom Learning – Learning management platform
				+ Partner with MD PTA
				+ Benefit approximately 50 children
				+ $384 is the SEPTA portion
	+ Community and Family Events – Kara Berghaus
		- Current Brainstorming Ideas for Programming:
			* Students: Social connection and enrichment (Hangout Spot, Sensory Art)
			* Art Enrichment to foster social connections
				+ Partner with Trackside
		- Upcoming Winter:
			* New Families: Virtual Coffee dates 1/26 and 1/28.
				+ Welcome bags are still being used
				+ Welcome ideas about how to best reach out to new families
				+ Transition coffees between schools
				+ Communication to all school – flyer about SEPTA
				+ Birth to Three agencies that serve Wilton – Bernadette Hess
			* Upcoming speaker, Dr Jane Brown: 1/21/21 at 10am: Post High School and College Planning for Students on the Spectrum:  Co-sponsor with SPEDNET and Darien SEPAC
* Membership- Donna Peterson
	+ Mobile Arq/Updates and discuss strategies for engagement
	+ Current members – 73 members
		- 6 teachers – lower number that last year
		- Make sure teachers know about gifts and grants- they need to be members to qualify for the gifts and grants program
		- Police department partnership – form about families (opt in format)
		- Trackside program – sibling support group
* Communication -Lisa Strasser and MB Web Design Team, Newsletter
	+ Web Site, FB Page, newsletter
	+ Two students from Middlebrook gave us updates to our website
		- Updates
			* Mobile friendly
			* Membership button goes right to email
			* Mobile Arq donation button
			* Executive Board positions
			* Information for future and past meetings recordings

**\*\*\*Administrative Update - Andrea Leonardi (Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Student Services\*\*\***

* Special Ed survey going out on Friday until the 29th
	+ IEP and 504 families
	+ Survey to teachers after family’s survey
	+ February parent forum will be the place to review the result
	+ Published report to BOE
* Budget
	+ Focused on staffing to meet the needs of students
		- Remainder of pandemic and then recovery
* Preparing for transitions across the district
	+ Some in-person options as weather gets warmer
* Planning for ESY – received good feedback. Keeping the program format similar to last year.
* Pending parent forums
* Spring Diversity and Inclusion Planning:
	+ Bee Kind Campaign-
		- Child friendly masks and bracelets for MD and CM
		- Collaboration with HS TIMS Club- Joy Lawrence
		- February planning session – all welcome to participate
* School Representatives update
	+ Miller Driscoll – Kara Berghaus
	+ Cider Mill -Rosalie Witt
	+ Middlebrook -Kara Berghaus
	+ High School – Donna Peterson

**Future Planning:**

Board Member Succession plans

Teacher Scholarship 2021-2022

Fundraising:

Discuss plans: Library Learning Commons- Diversity and Inclusion