JW Bailey PTO Meeting Minutes  
March 16, 2021 4:00 pm  
Via Zoom

Attending participants: Shelley Burch, Alix Cutrone, Debra Fitzgerald, Andrea Littleton, Patricia Morrison, Dillon Paul, Maryellen Pelcer, Tracy Priest, Ian Worthman

Greetings and introductions

Principal's Report-Debra Fitzgerald: Regarding possible plans for more students returning to school; big difference between primary and secondary level because of the amount of students moving around at one time. Social distancing on buses has not changed which has an impact on students returning. Mrs. Fitzgerald has a meeting on Monday to finalize District plans. Large percentage of staff have been vaccinated.

Working with the recreation department at Dietz stadium for the Moving Up ceremony, possibly 2 ceremonies. At this point other 8th grade End of Year activities are not approved by the district. Eighth graders are working with their counselors for 9th grade schedules.

Spring Pictures tentatively April 6th and 7th, there will be time after school hours for Remote students. Families have until the End of May to submit photos for the Yearbook.

President's Report-Andrea Littleton: Can PTO sponsor an activity, Lip Synch event or Battle of the books-maybe during 4th Quarter? Mrs. Fitzgerald didn’t commit specifically but a virtual event would have to be via Teams. What about Spirit Days? PBIS group promotes Spirit Days, Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Fitzgerald will investigate. PTO offers support as needed. Mrs. Fitzgerald will contact Dr. Sagan (Humanities-Teaching and Learning) regarding Battle of the Books.

Parent Engagement Meeting: (organized by the Community Support Network at WIHD, Early Childhood and School Age Family and Community Engagement Center for Lower and MidHudson NYSED office of Special Education Partnership. Stephanie Nystrom attended the introductory meeting, but couldn’t make it tonight-Andrea will get a report from Stephanie to share with PTO.

Spirit Wear: Bulldog face for Spirit Wear up for a vote next week hopefully, also potential for student drawn design. Results possible before break. Ian found a local vendor for printing
(Highland) T-Source. Discussion about their prices, margins, ease of use for us, vs. Rokkitwear. We want 1-2 designs available (one Bulldog w/mask) for all apparel.

**Tree Donation:** for D’Janeira Mason, flowering tree probably from Herzogs. We will discuss a date in May at the April meeting for tree planting. Also want to have a plaque at the tree. Maryellen Pelcer will contact a sign company for information.

**Website:** [www.jwbaileypto.org](http://www.jwbaileypto.org) Ready to go will keep adding content. We’re still having an issue with Venmo for a payment option, maybe an alternate-Google Pay, Paypal?

**Newsletter:** Tracy Priest has a draft of the first Newsletter which she shared, ready for an email campaign. We will also have archived issues. Mailchimp used for Newsletter. Tracy will see if the newsletter and PTO website will work together. Andrea will see if she can get the newsletter out by Spring break, even though the membership list is small.

**Teacher Appreciation Week:** PTO will sponsor a catered lunch (that can be divided by building wing, Friday (May 7th) best day of the week for teachers.

**Fundraisers:** Flowers by Saunderskill Farms-approved by Mrs. Fitzgerald-for delivery-distribution in Parking Lot. Andrea will work on an online order form.

Pizza Kits: One place per month, suggestion to ask for posts on social media sharing the “final pizza product”. Rough Draft/Kingston Bread & Bar, Frank Guidos are possibilities.

Wood N Wheel: will be opening again in a week, could we do a May/June fundraiser, attendees would be capped at 100. There are concerns, decision to revisit at a future meeting.

**JWB HS scholarships:** Shelley Burch stated we are on track, in the process of forming a committee of reviewers.

**Treasurer’s Report**-Maryellen Pelcer: Balance for February-$9,758.56 March deposit includes membership fees, 5Below fundraiser and Box tops-bringing balance to: $12,698.15

Maryellen would like to create a Budget Committee, need volunteers-please email Andrea with interest and availability.

**New Business:**
Officers for next year should be submitted/discussed at the April meeting. Be great to have a co-president.
By-laws need to be signed.

Meeting adjourned, next meeting April 20th at 4 pm via Zoom.