**CM PTA Meeting 1/12/21**

President’s Report

In light of recent events going on in our nation, if any families need help/support please reach out

Principal's Report

Dr. Falcone (*addressing recent events in the Capitol building)*

* challenging time in our history; everyone comes from different perspectives and it important to remain neutral to teach our children; important to focus on kindness when encountering differing perspectives
* MAP scores will be released today; Wilton is following the pattern that the nation is seeing with a drop in Math learning; tutoring program for students that do not have intervention in Math in the works; using what we have (addtl time on Wed) to address the loss of learning, ixl, using MAP data and looking at where the gaps are and keeping in mind the balance that is needed

Recess

* every class now has a ball; finally got approval for playground use

Dismissal

* new system is in use; please follow the process and do not check in prior to approaching the check-in sign

Reading Rocks

* virtual kick off in February; donations online (Jennifer Carvajal) this is the 10th anniversary of RR; will only be 1 week this year 2/1-2/5; fundraising will remain open past that time

Covid

* covid numbers are rising; holiday travel has made an impact
* what is the trigger # to close school? This is dependent on what happens in the community: if daycares have to quarantine then it is a domino affect; less availability of CM staff will cause school to close
* haven’t heard yet about vaccines for teachers

Teacher Representative Report

Mrs. Froelich

* using the social emotional tool heavily so that the kids are aware of their feelings; mood meter, mood regulation has become a focal point for all grade levels
* thank you to all the CM families for the holiday lunch

Officer Reports

Treasurer

* combined report for Nov/Dec all reports are on the PTA website

Membership

* 20% below our membership from LY; parents have been so amazing this year with support of CM staff, we are not looking to push any further membership initiatives

Fundraising

* Walk a thon hoping to kick off in late March early April, be on the lookout for updates;
* looking into bingo/trivia nights are in the works; trying to limit screen time for the kids;
* Giving Tree is put on pause since the parents have done so much this year; looking to partner with the art dept for a rock painting activity

Secretary

* minutes from our last meeting is out on the PTA website; put forward a motion for approval (*motion approved*)

Parent-at-Large:

* 4 board of ed meetings since our last meeting; some important takeaways:
  + looking at Wednesdays for possible in person school day but maintenance prefers having the day for a deep clean
  + approved a new homework policy 10 minutes per grade;
  + priorities for next year will be Math instruction and any learning loss
  + universal screening for mental health was approved
  + Barry Bogle maintaining 14 day quarantine
  + 1/21 budget meeting
* all notes can be found on the PTA website

Gifts/Grants

* grant request from the music department to purchase condenser microphone and headphone bundle so that the music dept can better record performances virtually $250 to cover the cost

Hospitality

* 12/8 was the holiday lunch for the teachers, it was a great event even though it looked differently; thank you to the amazing parent support for this event

Spirit Wear/Lost & Found

* Spirit Wear is still being sold on our website; will be delivered to homes by one of our PTA members

Picture Day

* 1/25 & 1/26 for retakes; please send in packets for the retakes; info in Hot Cider

Zero Waste

* planning for a family activity in March

SEPTA

* 1/13 meeting at 7pm; brainstorming for the Spring and beginning to talk about what the Bee Kind Campaign might look like this year. Would love to hear ideas!

Nominating

* lots of turnover for next year; looking to fill some positions for the Board; job descriptions are on the PTA website

**\*Turnover Shop is in need of volunteers; putting together a thank you for the shop for their donations to the PTA**