

# PHACT PTSA October Meeting

Tuesday, 10.6.2020 @ 6:30pm, via Zoom Video Conferencing

**Attendees** - Lisa Labelle, Heather Victoria, Karen McElroy, Larry Miller, Darcy Baran, Nicole Cobane-Lightner, Brian Tedeschi

**Agenda Items** (Where Action is anticipated note that you can only vote if you are a current PTA member)

## Welcome

## Treasury Reports

1. Treasurer's report provided
2. Budget approved. Karen McElroy motioned, Nicole Cobane-Lightner seconded.
3. Insurance purchased. Includes media coverage.

## New Business

1. DEI Committee (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion)- PTA toolkit reviewed. Lisa to reach out via Happenings on the Hill, email and Facebook to gain parent interest/involvement. Ms. Jeanotte reports plan to resume Diversity Club.
2. Positive Discipline Practices- PTA Positive School Discipline Statement reviewed. Principal Tedeschi shared the school's efforts to improve their response on behavioral concerns including restorative practices, peer mediation, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports. Per Principal Tedeschi, the school would welcome additional resources. Principal Tedeschi to also provide parents and students information on these new practices and their intent to increase learning/teaching moments, empathy, education on how behavior impacts themselves and others and to improve social, emotional, behavioral, and academic outcomes for all students while decreasing suspension rates. PHACT to write a letter to the Board of Education to review the current discipline policy to ensure it reflects the new approaches to student behavior.

## Old Business

1. Staff Appreciation- PHACT to provide goodies on Professional Day, October 13th.
2. Reflections Program- Darcy to reach out to teachers and students via google classroom, Happenings on the Hill, and morning news to encourage their participation in this program. Providing this opportunity is important for students

who may find art, music, drama, photography, literature as a way to express themselves. The Reflections Program helps a student's confidence and success in school and in life. Ms. Lightner also offered to stay after school to provide students time to work on their entries (rm 140)

3. Teachers Pay Teachers Donation- other options include Gimkit, Kami, Automagical, Nearpod. Another alternative to support teachers; Darcy will reach out on PD day Oct 13 to ask teachers what their needs/wants are and PHACT can try to fulfill these requests.
4. School of Excellence- Surveys to go out this week. Requesting all parents, teachers, administrators, and community members to take a few minutes to complete. A zoom meeting will then be scheduled to review survey results and vote on an objective. Application due to PTA by November 1st.
5. Membership
  - a. Dues by Oct 15th
6. Fundraising
  - a. T shirts
  - b. Papa Ginos- sometime in December.
  - c. Parish Hill string backpacks- will sell on Member Hub.

## Open Discussion

7. Mrs. Griffin's message-
  - a. Apology for not being able to do Trunk or Treat this year due to safety concerns but looking forward to next year.
  - b. Provided resources for SEL
    - i. Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center are offering a webinar on Zoom on Thursday, October 8th at 4 pm. Professor Marc Brackett -Director of the Yale Center For Emotional Intelligence will share recent studies on emotions, and offer tools to develop emotional intelligence for personal and professional success. Registration is online at [www.ynhh.org/events](http://www.ynhh.org/events)<<http://www.ynhh.org/events>>
    - ii. Teacher for Justice webinar from TPT on Thursday, October 15th at 7 pm on Diversity, Privilege and Leadership: Are we making any progress in the 21st Century? The speaker is Dr. Eddie Moore, Jr.

*The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10th at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Video Conferencing.*