

PES PTO Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2020

Attendees: Heather Dwyer, Theresa Forish, Colleen Bradshaw, Szilvia Hadden, Laura Wilhelm, other online attendees

Principal Report - Theresa Forish -

- Kindergarten Registration - let your friends and neighbors know, information is online at region15.org.
- Remote learning and in-person learning - please remember to contact office if your child will be learning remote that day.
- Valentines Day - will be a little different this year, teachers will quarantine boxes, or may do a craft. Please no candy with Valentines.

President Report - Colleen Bradshaw

- Brainstorming session about virtual activities. We had been focussing a lot of efforts on staff, but thinking of more school population events, so looking at Virtual Bingo Night, school-wide Pandemic Cookbook, Scavenger Hunt, virtual enrichment activities. More information to come.
- We are thinking about next year, filling seats on the board. Elections in April/May. Please contact us if you would like to join the board!

Board of Education Report - Szilvia Hadden

- January 11 BOE meeting was about 5-year capital plan. Walked through 2019-2020 improvements made. For PES in the next 5 years... carpet upgrades, clock update, bathroom updates, fire alarm updates. Funding from capital budget, state grants, school budget. Clarified carpet would be replaced with tile (not more target). Also, some high school class changes.

Questions & Comments

- Bus Driver Appreciation Day - Laura Wilhelm discussed handing out thank you bags to bus drivers, discussed what the PTO already has in inventory, like masks, magnets, lanyards. Mrs. Forish will get back to us on number of buses/drivers and aides.
- Laura Wilhelm had an idea for a virtual paint night, perhaps using a studio in Newtown. Michele to check with Gigging Pig for options too.