



September 8, 2022

Executive Board and Building Directors Meeting

In attendance: Erin Debrich, Sivan Chapman, Crissy Dickey, Eileen Henke, Michelle Bilotti, Ann Heaney, Shanna Maier, Neja Bajaj, Elizabeth Cendan, Megan Sutcliffe, Anna Stankiewicz, Karen Butt, Michael Krumholz, Marilyn Filosa

1. Approve meeting minutes from August

- Approved with edits via email in August

2. Superintendent Items and Budget- (Executive Board)

A. Superintendent Items

- Erin met with Dr. Sinha and was alerted that Dr. Sinha had received questions from the Septa survey that was sent out. Erin assured her it was solely distributed to gather data from our membership
- We can invite the administrators who were concerned to discuss the survey
- Items to add to the agenda for our next meeting with Dr. Sinha
 - 1) there should be a separate person to handle guidance and special education at the high school

2) Ask about training on special education for elective teachers at the middle school

B. Treasurer's Report and Budget

- Eileen is working on a budget for the year with anticipated monthly expenses.

3. General Membership Meeting - ideas for presentation, survey results and ideas for going forward. (Executive Board)

- Confirm if we would be able to host meeting at the library. If not Sivan will look into the Casino and Crissy will look into the schools.
- For the first meeting, we should focus on information parents may need for the beginning of the year like important dates, etc. Focus on basics like curriculum 101 and inclusion then see about specific topics for future meetings.
- The survey results- some people wanted therapist and specialist presentations, more events for kids and families,

4. Building Updates -

- Locust- Marilyn got a call from Vota that the BOE is getting complaints from Locust parents about the special education program that was added to the school. The complaints are about class size. Vota wants to brainstorm ways to resolve this, inundate parents with information. We can resend the letter Chris Hartigan sent out to ICT classes last year to use.
- Hemlock
- Homestead- Michael is also hearing complaints from parents about class size of ICT classes
- Stewart
- Stratford- the sensory pathways need to be repaired. They are going to ask for a grant from PTA for full repairs
- Middle School- Karen met with new director of arts and music. She was looking

for feedback from Septa. Karen made suggestions for non-core teachers to be trained and educated about special education kids

- High School-Megan met with new athletic director–went over two different basketball programs–possibly expand to another inclusive sport or club, best buddies and pairs, he said he was going to start a captains council, make gym teachers aware they need to read iep's and 504's especially for social aspects, teams can run with best buddies and try to get more kids involved. Both Mandy and the director liked this idea. Discussed mental health and stress of starting school and try-outs. Try to start best buddies and pairs earlier–make it bigger and better and make students and parents aware of it. Students helping students will be getting involved. Megan will email Mandy about informing parents about the programs at BTSN

5. BTSN - volunteers, information

- Michelle sent out a sheet to sign up for days we need covered

6. Fundraising - Orange Shirts, Unity Day-

- One option for unity day shirts is to use Spectrum and membership hub. It's more work on our end to do Spectrum and initial output of money. Squad locker will give 20% discount and is easiest. Profits will be about \$1 per shirt. With Spectrum it could potentially be \$5 a shirt. Crissy will email sheet with information about both options.
- Backyard players– we could do two groups of 20 on two different dates. Looking for which activities to do and which grades to target. We could give discounted or free tickets for members of SEPTA

7. Sign Up Genius - attend BoE Meetings

- Erin will send out sign up for Septa members to attend BoE meetings

8. Summer transition

9. Extended Day Program

- Looking into clarification on which classes can attend

10. Additional

- There have been various complaints made to the BOE and administrators at Locust and Homestead about the ICT and push in classes. Parents say they are worried about class size. We brainstormed ideas to get ahead of this issue and educate parents and the community about what ICT and push in classes look like. Some action items are:
 - A. Send out email to board and districts about parents' complaints about class size of ICT and push in classes.
 - B. Ask PPS to attend Locust and Homestead PTA meetings.
 - C. Ask PPS and administrators to speak at BTSN about the classes
 - D. Encourage best practices like sending a letter home to all parents in ICT and push in classes about what that class format looks like
 - E. Coming up with ideas to encourage a cultural shift within the community to be more inclusive
- Erin will send out an email to continue the conversation on other ways to educate the community on inclusion
- Erin is in communication with the BoE looking for new dates to meet
- Curriculum Update from Neha–The four topics discussed this year will be Erin's Law, using innovation, the new math primary resource, and writing.

