

West Irondequoit Central PTSA
January 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes

I. Attendance Sheet (Zoom attendance list) on file.

II. Julie Boland opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

III. No IHS student in attendance.

IV. Treasurer's Report

- **Bank balance:** \$40,679.55.

V. Administration/Principal/School Reports:

- District
 - *Michele Cramer (Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources)*. Monitoring staff absences closely. New guidance from Monroe County Health Dept and NYS Ed. If we went remote it would be because of staffing, but our goal is to remain open. Shout out to principals and staff for making sure things are covered so we can stay open.
- WICPTSA VP Administrative Affairs
 - *Erica Kane*.
 - Question about financial help with third grade and staff recognition from Central. Will the same help be available if schools need assistance? Executive Board will discuss.
 - Question about guidance around indoor activities. Inconsistencies among buildings.
 - Erica: First, coordinate with your principal at each school. If you want to do something indoor, coordinate to find the right space, find enough space, following all the guidelines. Maybe not a lot indoor right now. Erica can help coordinate, reach out to her.
- Principal Report
 - *Christian Zwahlen (Iroquois)*.
 - *Briarwood* -Bernadette D'Amato's 3rd grade honored Dr. Martin Luther King by putting words into action by making care packages and information about local free meals and other resources to share with community members who need them.
 - *Bookview*- Thanks to PTSA for a successful popcorn fundraiser
 - *Colebrook* – Second graders are examining social justice issues (Dr. King, Ruby Bridges, people who have shown the way in elevating voices and impacting communities for the better). Looking forward to annual

carnival. PTSA using APR to ensure each class can enjoy hands on activities during carnival

- *Listwood*. Bingo night – thinking creatively about doing it as an outside event.
 - *Seneca* – PTSA hosting family night on playground with hot cocoa and treat. Leo's pies was successful.
 - *Southlawn* – PTSA is sponsoring indoor recess equipment and toys.
 - *Iroquois* – Thanks to PTSA for help in December especially toy and food drives and December book sale. Winter concert before omicron (Band, orchestra, and choir) at IHS.
 - *Rogers* – Streaming winter concert tomorrow night in place of in person concert. Working on successful mini-town hall PSAs to talk about COVID safety, led by students. Snow sports club off the ground. Builder's club doing volunteer work; making cards for residents of Cherry Ridge Nursing Home next month.
 - *Dake and IHS*- Student government hosting spiritware. Guest speakers from Keeping Our Promise – firsthand accounts from refugees who are new to our community and how they contribute to our community at large.
- We forwent reports from individual building reps to save time to discuss bylaws.

VI. Bylaws

- *Kate Copeland*.
 - Bylaws expired 12/31/2021. Notification went out to members on 1/10/2022 including a copy of draft bylaws regarding vote on 2/8/2022.
 - Corrections that need to be made to circulating draft: membership cost for additional members is \$5, not 15; grammatical corrections to Article V, Section 14 and Article X, Section 2.
 - Changes from most recent bylaws: (1) regular meeting quorum reduced to 10 from 15; and (2) other changes made at the state level, including gender neutral language, minor change to reckoning of membership year, changes to how frequently dues are remitted to the state, and allowances for virtual meetings.
 - Vote on bylaws will be at regular meeting on 2/8/2022. We will need a quorum of 15 to approve.

VII. President report

February meeting will be over Zoom again. Hope it will be safe to meet in person again soon. January Executive Board meeting with Dr. Johnson postponed until February.

Honorary Life is postponed; hoping that we can do that in person (hopefully until March). We do have three great winners. There will be more to come and Erica will reach out to Maureen to share with teachers as soon as we know exactly what we're going to do.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned at 7:30.