

MTP PTA Board in Attendance via Zoom Video Meeting: **President:** Michelle Krikau **1st Vice President:** Cari Sacks **2nd Vice President:** Kristi Bellissimo **Treasurer:** Chris Collins **Recording Secretary:** Lisa DelBorrello **Corresponding Secretary:** Alexandra Leong **Council Delegate:** Renee Postel

Board Reports: Minutes: Minutes from March 2020 meeting were approved. **Correspondence:** Thank you note from Thomas Ehrhard and an MTP alum Kate Manalastas for the PTA scholarship awards; thank you note from Mrs. Sharon Prokop for the Lifetime Achievement Award honor and flowers. She said she will truly miss everyone in her retirement; Mrs. Judith Crespo and Mrs. Theresa Rossi thanked the PTA via email for the delicious basket of treats sent to the staff. Mrs. Rossi also thanked the PTA for the beautiful landscaping accented by the welcome back lawn sign. **Treasurer's Report:** Last year's treasurer Renee Postel presented as this year's treasurer Chris Collins will take over pending his installment. **Opening Balance:** 9/1/20 \$30,685.17 **Closing Balance:** 9/20/20 \$30,458.67. Proposed 2020-21 budget was approved and projects \$11,000 in income, \$27,350 in expenses. These figures take into consideration cuts in school fundraisers due to the current pandemic.

President's Report: Mrs. Krikau began by introducing the members nominated to the 2020-21 Executive Board: 1st Vice President Mrs. Cari Sacks, 2nd Vice President Mrs. Kristi Bellissimo, Treasurer Mr. Chris Collins, Recording Secretary Mrs. Lisa DelBorrello, and Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Alexandra Leong. Mrs. Renee Postel will serve as the Council Delegate, but there is no report this month as those meetings have been postponed until January 2021. The PTA bought a Zoom package allowing for 100 people. If at any time in the future we need to increase that, we can change the plan accordingly. Mrs. Krikau welcomed and thanked all for attending the meeting. Parents and teachers are so important to contributing to a school's success and the PTA is a way of supporting the school. She thanked the Bulletin Boards and Beautification Committees for all they have done to make the school and grounds welcoming and beautiful. She said the District's PTA presidents meet monthly with administration as well as amongst themselves. They are trying to be uniform with what each school offers including cultural arts programs. Programs and fundraisers will be brought to students both in school and fully remote. PTA Membership and class parent forms were sent home. Membership is especially important this year as we are being mindful of other fundraising and understand so many are experiencing hardship. Committee members, chairs and class parents must be PTA members. There are many opportunities to be involved. We need chairs to take over the Reflections Arts Program, a co-chair for the Membership Committee, a Red Ribbon Week co-chair (which is October 26-30th) a Special Education PTA representative to go to meetings and report back to us and a chair for Staff Appreciation this year. For details reach out to her via the PTA email address: ptaformtp@gmail.com. We are in process of creating a spirit wear store online with the new logo and new designs.

Principal Joseph Ierano's Report: Mr. Ierano thanked the previous PTA Executive Board for their service and proceeded with the installation of the new officers named above. He cited his grateful recognition of their willingness to serve and the many things they will do for our students. He also thanked the PTA, the faculty, the MTP main office and custodial staff for doing an amazing job of making the school look pristine, sharp and ready for the welcoming back of all. He said the school could not be cleaner if we tried. He also thanked the PTA for fulfilling his wish to provide all the students with custom MTP lanyards for their face masks as well as the faculty chocolates basket. The students have been doing an incredible job with their masks which have become something of a fashion statement for some. The support and compliance of the safety rules by all are thoroughly impressive and greatly appreciated. You may opt in for text message or email reminders from Mr. Ierano regarding the daily health survey by visiting the Parent Portal. Mr. Ierano welcomed all the new staff members who are wonderful and talented additions to our faculty. We decided to do fall class pictures after a lot of thought, rather than putting it off, he said. Meet the teacher night is being planned so stay tuned. He asked that kindergarten parents please supply a clean change of clothing for their children. He explained that outdoor recess is occurring with the playground sectioned off into two parts. Students rotate the use of the blacktop, field, basketball court and the playground apparatus on opposite days so everyone gets a fair chance to use everything. He thanked the District for the protective plastic shields and said we have been highly successful in welcoming back the students in as safe a manner as is possible under the current situation. He understands and appreciates everyone's patience and support and knows how difficult it has been for everyone.

Committees Reports and Other Business: Fundraising – Catalogues will be distributed for a new virtual fundraiser with Meadows Farms from 10/1 to 10/16/20. **Membership** -- We are off to a great start with 65 members. We are aiming to get an Early Bird Award if we can achieve a certain percentage of our goal prior to September 30. To join online visit mtp.memberhub.store. Membership is important, plus it is fun to be in the PTA and have your voice heard and counted. Attending meetings is never obligated. Committee chairs, volunteers and class parents need be PTA members for many valid reasons including training and learning of PTA and school rules and standards. Last year we were one of a small number of schools to receive the Terrific Teacher/Super Staff Award from the State. Thank you to all for the incredible support. The **Book Fair** will be held virtually this school year from 10/2 to 10/15. Orders over \$25 will receive free shipping. The **School Supplies Fundraiser** was held not for PTA profit this year but rather as a convenience and 87 families participated in that. The process by which **class parents** are chosen was reviewed. Outside vendors are not allowed at school. **Fifth Grade** – We will make it the best year they can have under the circumstances. We are working on the t shirts with Ms. Lindbom. The letter for the 5th grade collection will be coming home soon. **Beautification** -- Weeding was done, and the welcome back sign was installed. We hope to resume cleaning up the outdoor courtyard to make it a usable space for outdoor use. **Arts in Education** – Is working on great virtual programs for in school and remote kids as well. The **BOE** will be live streaming a **meeting** on their Facebook page tonight. **Questions Answered:** Mr. Ierano said there is no information available yet about shifting fully to live instruction, but everyone is truthfully committed to getting the kids back to school asap. The smaller groups allowed the school to fine tune the arrival process. Many complex details are considered.

Next meeting: October 20, 2020, 7:00 pm via Zoom Video Conferencing

Closing Time 7:53 pm