

PPA Minutes November 2, 2020

-October has been uneventful. There have been public school closures, but we have not had any issues

- Current Balance in PPA Account: \$8,117.41

- There was a small balance into account due to additional discount cards that were sold

-Outstanding item is that Monarch money still needs to be paid out of account

-Report from Mr. Hamilton

- Discussed upcoming holidays

- Another letter from Superintendent Deegan will be going out to school

- Discussed that most cases have occurred outside of school and there have been no cases at SMS

- There have been some instances where SMS students were exposed

- It has been scary for students and parents

- Discussed that most of the time, the virus is being brought from outside activities into the school

- Discouraged from other activities outside of school

- In Southern Dutchess, there have been some cases in the public schools but at SMS we have smaller numbers

- There have been no cases at SMS in September and October

- Parents have been wonderful and have been a big part in keeping everyone safe

- We are still in Phase 1

- SMS is working on re-open the Student Council

- Also working to bring some activities back that can be done safely, will be done during the school day since the students are already there

- Monarch Money is mandatory, Sell 5 tickets at \$20 a piece

-Report from Treasurer, Kevin McCarthy:

- The person who previously ran Scrip fundraiser is stepping down.

- Scrip is a giftcard fundraiser, will mostly be e-giftcards but also can be physical giftcards

-Report from President, Jeff Finton

- Will be digitizing the Christmas gift shop this year. Mrs. Finton and Mrs. Del Toro will be handing out information on this

- it will be an opportunity for children to purchase gifts for their family members and friends

Event Chairmanship

Please let the PPA know if you would like to help out, you can reach out via e-mail

Questions asked by attendees:

- (1) PPA Dues?
 - a. Information will be handed out in folders
 - b. Cost is \$40.00 per family paid by cash or check
- (2) Process for Positive testing
 - a. SMS will call the NYS Health Dept. immediately to obtain guidance if there is a positive test
 - b. If one child tests positive, it should only affect that class
 - c. Goal is to try and not close entire school
 - d. It is up to NYS Dept. of Health to decide who must quarantine, will not be up to the Principal
 - e. Cohorting limits exposure
- (3) Archdiocese process
 - a. Archdiocese has hired expert in public health to provide guidance
 - b. Goal is not to close every school, unless forced to by Governor if Executive Order is issued
- (4) Archdiocese Rules
 - a. Archdiocese has its own rules, that were created based on CDC plans
 - b. NYS did not have a state protocol until August
 - c. It is an Archdiocese rule that requires students to wear masks, rule did not come from the state