

## Center/Hale SPTO Meeting

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

### AGENDA

In attendance: Elisabeth Mathieu, Sarah Morgan, Melissa Coffaro, Dana Green, Ilana Gordon-Brown, M. Dexter, Ross Mulkerin, Kara Killough, Maureen Mazzone, Kate Schoon, Kat Copeland, Jason Grossfield, Jackie Spataro, Kate Forrestall, Alicia Frigon

#### 1. Principal updates

##### a. Hale

- i. No updates

##### b. Center

- i. Moving forward with take home Covid tests – rapid at home.
  1. Different than the pool testing. Requires an opt-in form
  2. Staff tests were in last week. Will test 3 days after the pool testing
- ii. Back to normal MCAS in the spring. Parent schedule will go out prior to break
- iii. Superintendent Downing is working on strategic planning for district. At the same time, working to ramp up high school building project.
  1. Ross will be elementary Principal rep on the project
- iv. Working in dates for: (These will all still happen)
  1. Talent Show
    - a. Aiming for late March/early April if possible
  2. ACES (All Children Exercising Simultaneously) – Friday May 6
  3. Field Day
  4. End of Year Picnic
  5. Arts Buffet – Advising that we do not do this year
- v. Conferences – Will get a letter about Pick-a-time for Spring conferences
  1. Virtual is default. If you want in-person, notify the teacher
  2. Could we get snacks and drinks in on Conference Days
- vi. Mascot
  1. Working on a logo with the committee
  2. Maureen will be working with Kara Killough vendor for swag pricing
  3. Hoping to have colored logo shirts for ACES
    - a. Hoping to have President's Fund offset cost for families that can't afford

#### 2. Officer Updates

##### a. Open Positions

- i. Center co-chair and Treasurer need to be filled
- ii. Ali Bernard will take up the Treasurer position
- iii. Kate will push for the President position on FB

- b. Big THANK YOU to the Kates who have taken over the Facebook updates

### 3. Committee Updates

#### a. STEAM

- i. Lunch Period – 10:45 – 1:10
- ii. STEAM is broad, if you find any new ideas or suggestions, let us know
- iii. Love to have parent volunteers come in and help out as much as possible

#### b. Fundraising

- i. Flyer went out
- ii. PTO website – fundraising tab was updated
- iii. Working with a team for apparel creation and sales
  - 1. Possibly have items on hand for ACES or school picnic
- iv. HALE apparel
  - 1. Ilana would like to get a Hale apparel sale going in the spring
  - 2. Have never done something like that before.
  - 3. Jen Connor signed up to be part of the apparel team. Touched base with Kyle to get the logo and gave some sort of an update
    - a. Maureen looking for some clarity on what Kyle is hoping to see and what
    - b. Ilana will connect with Jen to keep this planning moving forward
- v. Spring event?
  - 1. Not the best year to do something huge and new
  - 2. Will work with committee on what might sense for 2023 in this space
- vi. Teacher Appreciation Week – May 23 (Need to push off for MCAS)
  - 1. By May, should not be an issue to get volunteers and visitors in
  - 2. Build off what was done next year
  - 3. Similar build
    - a. Donations and deals on lunches, gifts, etc. for the week

#### c. Social

- i. Ask that volunteer needs are sent to Kate so that it can be socialized on the FB page
  - 1. Maureen owns the volunteer sign up sheet. Will share with Kate
- ii. Arts Buffet
  - 1. Maureen will reach out to people who volunteered for that event to see if there is something else they may be interested in helping with.

#### d. End-of-Year Picnic

- i. Thursday, June 9. Rain date, Thursday, June 8
- ii. Music Confirmed – 5 – 7 PM - \$350
- iii. Ross asked Alicia to reach out to Stow Police to have a police detail on site

- iv. Put in a request for the baseball fields as well. Reserve through the district
- 4. New Business
  - a. Possibly changing meeting time to later than 7:00 PM. Brought up by some new volunteers as a challenging time to get onto the meeting
    - i. Team could attempt to push an hour later and see if participation goes up
    - ii. Had originally be pushed back to 7 PM to accommodate in-person meetings and allowing Center staff to go home. With transition to virtual meetings, that need has gone away.
    - iii. Will move back to 8:00 PM for the April meeting
    - iv.
- 5. Vote in January 2022 Meeting Minutes
  - a. Approved

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00 PM

APRIL MEETING: Tuesday, April 5 will be moved to 8:00 PM