

Manoa PTO Meeting Notes  
Tuesday, March 16th 7PM

**Welcome & Introductions** 22 people in attendance  
**Introducing the PTO Board**

**Approval of February Minutes**

- Kiley Capello
- Nicole Bumbaugh

**Dr. Ramondos- Principal Report**

- Thank you to the PTO and for the assembly, we were fascinated with 300 participants and the kids loved it.
- Thank you to Mr Coffee and the custodial staff setting up to make our classrooms safe
- Character Trait this month is respectful, treat others with respect and be considerate of others
- Woman History month
- We have teacher conferences this week

**Faculty Report** – Ms. Stefanski, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher

- Thank you for the virtual assembly
- We as teachers are trying to make the transition from home to 5 days a week in person learning
- We will be welcoming new faces from Haverford Online to in person
- Teachers have also said Thank you to the parents for helping and supporting us in everything this year.

**Guest Speaker**

Dr Maureen Reusche, Superintendent

Dr. Larry Feinberg, School Board President – has been on the board for 22 years

Bridget Wiedeman, Vice President – 3 years on the board has a 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade, Was on the Chestnutwald PTO. She works on finances, and faculty projects

Dr Laura Crispin – Will have a Lynnwood Kindergartener in the fall, was elected in November of 2019. She is a professor of economics at St Joe's University and is very passionate with the public-school system.

Dave Schwarz – elected in November 2019. Oversaw the facilities project at Lynnwood. He has a 9<sup>th</sup> grader and a son going into Kindergarten. He has a engineering background and a planning coordinator.

Larry Feinberg comments:

- Update on the schools is an investment on our community, there will be an adding of 400 kids to the H.S. with an addition to 12 more classrooms which should be done in a year and a half
- Looking at updating the ventilator systems at Cooperstown and Chatham Park
- We have all been consumed by the pandemic.
- Mr Feinberg and Ms Wiedeman met with other school districts in the area to discuss the challenges they have all been facing.
- Mr Feinberg has been a resident in Haverford Township for 30 years and the demographic has really changed.

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- We are very fortunate to have enough funds to make changes and updates when there are other school districts that are not so lucky. There is one district not so far from us the most up to date building is 1976
- PSSA'S is coming from DC, so the school district can pick when they are taken
- Our local state senators have worked closely with us and are being strong advocates of public education

Dr Reusche comments:

- 6<sup>th</sup> year on the board, she has a 29 and 33-year-old kids who attended the Oakmont School
- Can not think of a better community to be a part of
- Knowing not all decisions the school board made were liked and the school board heard it
- Vaccinees are being rolled out there are 900 employees in the district and less than 100 people are still waiting on the 1<sup>st</sup> shot which looks like could happen in the next 2 weeks
- The 21-22 calendar has been approved and you can see it on the website
- Sept 9<sup>th</sup> will be the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school
- End of year activities we are being mindful of social distancing
- Haverford On Line still revamping up and we have had it in the district for over 10 years.
- In the future we have zoom for kids who are sick maybe if we look at the logistics
- Remember teachers still need to be thought of if kids are sick
- Any changes to bus schedule please reach out to transportation
- Courtney Kelly asked if you can opt out of the PSAA'S and if it is the same test across the state? Yes same test and yes you can opt out. The test results doesn't get tied to money being sent to the district. For our district we get so little money from the state it wouldn't make a difference.
- Remember our legislators are making the decisions and rules when it comes to education.
- If you have any issues please reach out to your state, or federal legislature to get things to change

Question:

Kiley: By tracking transition rates maybe we can have mask less recess when they are outside?

Answer:

Dr Reusche: We don't know since we are dependent on families given the info who has COVID. Any changes we will let you know.

Question: Why are some kids allowed snacks and other classes are not?

Answer:

Dr Ramondos: this is something I will need to bring it up teachers as to have better ways to have some kids have snacks

## **New Business**

**Budget** – Tom Harvey

- Check went out for 5<sup>th</sup> grade tee shirts
- Last check for book fair went out this week

**Amazon Smile** – Renee Lawlers

- Please add Manoa PTO to Amazon Smile since most of us order from Amazon for one thing or another and we will get money sent to us

**Variety Show** – Courtney Kelly

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### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation – Kiley Cappello**

- Looks like ceremony will be virtual and parents will not be able to attend
- Fundraising is still being developed and something will be sent out shortly

### **Preview**

#### **Nominations – Kim Carr**

- Leah Hoffman will be keeping her position as Recording Secretary but all other positions are open
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#### **Garden Day – April**

- Committee leads: Virginia Jennings and Joel Robarge
- Possible socially distanced Garden Day
- Safe clean up and see what their planting needs are

### **Announcements:**

PTO Meeting – **Tues. April 20th** 7PM – Zoom – Mrs. Donovan Faculty Rep.