

## Minutes

April 12, 2021

Wanaque Elementary School

Called to order: 7:04pm

Welcome: Leanne Tully, President. Thank you to all for joining this evening. Hope everyone had a nice spring break - much needed break for us - glad the kids are back

Approval of minutes: motion: Nicole

2nd - Shana

Mr. Mooney: Welcome back from the break - something we all needed it. Most school districts opened today. We have recently had meetings to see where we are and considered delaying the opening till the 129th and choice not to. Wanaque school was closed 3 days before then break - we did not want to find out we had to close again so thought it better to open today. We have been communicating to parents the quarantine rules and it appears from what we are hearing that people were pretty responsible. We received some questions and reviewed the guidelines - we will have reminders every morning. If we work together we can keep the school open. I have been relatively pleased with what we are hearing from those taking the quarantine seriously. There was a survey released to bring the 5th grade back, meeting with staff tomorrow to discuss logistics, if we can do it the notice will go out Wednesday. We delayed the 4th graders but got them in 2 days before break. Looking forward to 5th graders being back. Middle school is more difficult as they are recommending a full 6 feet for middle schoolers. We are still working on it and will keep you posted. When you bring more students back the chances of closing again becomes greater. Want to keep reminding people we really haven't had cases that even appear to have spread in the schools, we have been able to track the cases pretty well. Very little if any indication we spread it in the school at all. Having the windows open will keep spread down and keeping the safety of the children first. I am no expert but I did hear that even 2 inches of open windows in a classroom increases air circulation 12xs better. Having windows open should help people feel better. Travel is an issue, it appears people are being responsible about that, the other is incidental contacts like Easter and Passover activities. We are working on it, if you have any questions please let us know. Our incoming superintendent was in and got to meet lots of people and things went well. Also spoke with the high school principal and was raving about Patrick McQueeney and all the experience and great things he will bring to the district. The district will be in good shape. Budget situation, preliminary budget reviewed and approved by the board, county had some minor adjustments and then the public will be brought in to review. The meeting will be 4.27, a good budget, you should come if you can. We are also planning to appoint the director of special education at that meeting, will not announce now, will say it was a unanimous decision by the selection committee and both superintendents. ESIP is a funding source where we purchase energy saving equipment over 15 year period. We have installed LED lights in every fixture in the district. Going to have new boilers in both schools and

will be ready to go before the next heating season October 15. Haskell School does not have a redundant boiler so they put in 5 smaller boilers - that will be a savings as well as some other improvements. Solar panels will also be installed and should be up and running by December on all the roofs. Things are moving well, doing our level best, make sure you fill out forms, follow quarantine rules and then expand the number of kids allowed in.

Commencement season, right now we are looking to do as much as humanly possible for commencement - hoping to finalize outdoor plans and thinking similar to last year, we are looking for a normal graduation. As the weather improves we hope the covid numbers improve as well. We will be signing a contract on the spring lake day on 6/7. We will have our own staff there keeping things clean and some kind of distance. 8th grade dance will also happen at the regency in pompton plains so right now we are in good shape for 8th grade activities. We will have to follow the law so if the governor says no then we will follow but we are doing our best to make it as normal as possible.

Speaking to the board committee meeting to discuss the calendar and hoping we can close on the Friday 6/25. Also discussing the draft of next year's calendar. Does not start school before labor day. Might also have to deal with closures in the Fall as the kids under 12 will not be vaccinated yet.

Mr. Frick: Thank you to the PTA for bringing in Suzanne Morris. Everyone loved it. Spring egg hunt is this Wednesday weather permitting. There will be an outdoor badn concert 4/19 t 6:30 at lakeland. Happy to be back

Mrs. Puzo - nice to see the kids faces, they were happy to be back.

BOE: Angela DeMetriou: Sorry I missed the last meeting - not much to add, next board meeting is the budget meeting and would like to plan a meet and greet with the new superintendent and as safely as possible. So lucky to have had Bob, he has done so many things for us and we were very lucky to have him for the last 2 years. Hoping this year will be better than last year even though it was great last year too. Thank you to the PTA too

LT: Recap:

Author visit was great - there are a few book orders so if you ordered a book, they are coming. Once I receive the they will get autographed and distributed.

School store fundraiser, if you order gift cards from various stores, they will match it to order school supplies on their site. We have \$3000 worth of gift certificates for the teachers so that is a great way we can help the teachers.

After school clubs are coming to an end. 2 weeks left of baking club, 5th grade club should be restarting soon. We will launch some more next year.

Clothing drive is 4/17/21 Lisa B. is the chairperson, 9-2pm, accepting clothes, shoes, accessories and household linens. If you want to volunteer please reach out to her. No toys, car seats etc. More specifics are listed on the website. There will be tax forms available.

Dine to donate scheduled for 4/28 at Wendy's from 5-8, you must bring the flyer for us to get the 15%.

Egg Hunt is still scheduled for Wednesday 4/14

8th grade, we have already talked about that. Fundraiser just went out.

School apparel, great new stuff on there, check the new things out.

Teacher appreciation is coming up, this year we should be able to do something for them, they deserve it. Hoping to have a great year for our teacher - saying it now, we cannot close school that week in May.

In May we are going to do a 50/50 raffle, not able to do the Tricky Tray for the 2nd year, look out for the raffle in May. Just got our license and booklets. Will be dropping off the letter, hoping to send it home with the kids early May with the drawing in early June.

Box Tops: Mrs. Dumont's class had the most for Feb-March, the class will have the party as soon as they can. Please continue to download the app and scan the receipts so the school gets the most return.

New Business: Juanita will be moving on so we will have an opening for a corresponding secretary - send an email if you are interested. Please reach out for any information to any board member.

Thank you everyone for coming, we will adjourn until 5/10/2021 7pm.

Motion: Nicole

2nd: Lisa

Adjourned until 5/10/2021