February 3, 2021

Mineola High School PTSA Meeting Zoom

7:02pm

Kathy Escorcia -Welcome

-Review last months minutes, need motion to approve

-motion- Christa Basel

-2nd-Zenobia Haddock

-Kindness contest, Kids will show kindness through art/music/ela

-Mr.Smith will spread the word to the teachers, there’ll be $25 gift cards given to the winner of each category

Deborah DaSilva- Treasurer report- Budget was light this month, we have

$42 in memberships

Diana DeJesus- Membership/Merch-

-We have 359 members our goal. Is 388, we will be putting out a blast for membership

-Merch is moving ahead with student design contest

- looking for a new supplier

Christa Basel-the clothing drive is moved to March 20, drop oﬀ with will be only that day.

Chanise- Gift cards, we will be continuing until the end of the year, but you will have to pay for home delivery unless you purchase during the school drive

-can pay in check or cash, will send an email blast District Happenings-Please read Dr. Smith’s monthly newsletter

Music- Deb Tobar- Feb 10th at 7pm meeting

Booster club- Cathy Carr- Looking for help from senior parents to work on the journal

-Pre-season was strength and conditioning, basketball for boys and girls, drills

- the Middle School had volleyball for 7/8 and boys basketball

for 7/8 season

-Senior recognition will be before the game and earlier in the season

-Basketball and wrestling start Feb 1 with mini practices, there will be a modified schedule

-Masks will be during the completion and on the sidelines

-Feb 1, Wrestling will stay prating weights

-Everyone needs Health App to stay

-Winter season will practice time diﬀerent, kids must go home and come back for later practices

-After practice, encourage hygiene!

-All must bring own water bottles

-locker rooms to change in in small groups with masks one no storage overnight of items

-Fall season will start March 1- Volleyball, soccer, cross country and football

-spectators will be home games only and 2 spectators per

participant

-spectators must sign in, fill out health form, have temp

checked and leave a contact number, must sit 6 feet apart

-no pasta parties

-Spring season will be begin April 22

SEPTA- Kathy Escorcia- Nothing now, need new members

District Council- Christa Basel- There has been an uprising of parents about niche.com ranking of the Mineola School District

-Working with administration to figure out how to work on that

-Thursday meeting - log on Feb 4 BOE- Register to go to the meeting

Corresponding -Zenobia Haddock- nothing now, please follow on Facebook, instagram and Twitter

Old Business- -Need volunteers for Jenkins Award Committee

-Staﬀ appreciation lunch will be moved to the spring the it can be outside and hope that some restrictions are lifted-Lori Massaro and Zenobia Haddock

-Need new volunteers for the nominating committee

-Scholarships are in Virtual Backpack

Principals Report- Dr. Smith-

-It is good to see the athletes out

-Senior rec is early in the seasons

-Report cards will be out on the 5th on student portal

-school is still working on the social and emotional health by having presentations on substance abuse on Feb 24

-Dream Day- Feb 12

-Dignity Club- will be working with the 8th grade classes

-COVID is coming from indoor gatherings!

-Feb 10 last date for purchase ad for the year book

-Student service center needs new volunteers

-Student Organization- Battle of the Classes will be moved to the Spring, be modified

-orchestra- virtual string night

-Key Club- Leukemia/Lymphoma fundraiser

-Sophomores need to order rings

-8th grade is having a clothing sale

- **AP Computer Science Principles program** was 1 of 831 schools recognized by the College Board with the Female Diversity Award.

- will expand to all 9th grade students next year

-Guidance- virtual alumni day- videos

-Junior/8th grade parent night…. BEST ATTENDANCE EVER!!

-Athletics-winter track will have virtual meets, bowling- oﬀ to a great

start!

return

-Any athlete who had COVID needs a Doctors clearance to

-We have added back to music and art clubs, see the club calendar on the HS web page

-Drama- Into The Woods

-Friday will be Sprit Day, Feb 11/12

-Not sure yet about AP exams

-The fact that we have 8th grade in the High School eﬀects our School score/ school evaluation by online companies

-Mineola School District was named in NY World Report as one of the BEST SCHOOLS!

Questions:

Jenn Melendez- If a child is quarantined during a sports season can they go back?

-Dr. Smith- Yes they can come back

-Deb Tobar- Will you be Bringing back kids every day?

-Dr. Smth- Would need to modify school, and create Barriers

-Lori Massaro- Any known transmissions of COVID in school?

-Dr. Smith- In the High School- none that can be traced back,

none that I can confirm

Kathy Escorcia- Meeting is over

- March meeting we will be voting on nominating committee.

Meeting over 7:42pm

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Attendance

Cathy Carr Kathy Escorcia

Jennifer Amore-Melendes Christa Basel

Debbie Tobar Deborah Dasilva Rob Schettino Lori Massaro

Stephanie Widman Dr. Smith

Zenobia Haddock Brenda Benes Dawn Catania Amy Polar Chanise Gilliam Erik Levin

Linda Ramos Diana DeJesus Cindy Lopes

Laura Gotteib Mora Amber Malone

Silvanna DiMarco DeFillipo Lynda Stewart