

Friday May 22, 2020 7:00pm

ZOOM Mineola High School PTSA meeting

-Dr. Smith

-Dr. Nagler

attendance

Christine Napilitano, Linda Ramos, Cathy Carr, Regina Valente, Cindy Valez, Kathy Escorcia, Abby Sergent, Michelle Rescigno, Tara McKema, Deb Da Silva, Christa Base, Debbie Tobar, Mary Desiderio, Stephanie Widman, Lisa Morrison, Joanne Farrell, Sue Jex, Dawn Cox, Haddoh

Regina- Welcome Dr. Smith and Dr. Nagler, Thank you to the current slate.

Dr. Smith- Dr.. Nagler and I have had many meetings trying to figure out how to make the most of this situation. We would like to congratulate the students who have received sports awards and who have completed their AP exams.

-The Faculty, administration and Dr. Nagler are trying everything to create a live something for the graduates.

- in the weekly update, you will see some of the following

- last day of classes

- Honor society

- Science Honor Society

- Student Organization and Student Council

- Awards- live webex videos of

- Senior Week

  - June 5 Senior classes are over

  - June 8 Athletics Day, spring sports, Senior Recognition, Sports awards

  - June 9 Fine Arts Day, awards, art High School, Tri M

  - June 10 Senior Awards

  - June 11 Senior Car parade, meet 10am at Bowlero, the parade will be

    - staged there, the Mineola Aux and fire will escort the seniors down

    - Jericho (which will have banners of the seniors hanging down the street)

    - and up Herricks

  - Senior pick up day, awards, cap and gown in parking lots

- Two part graduation

  - June 23 and 24

- students and families to HS in the parking lot, exit car one at a time in cap and gown, meet Dr. Nagler by the horse statue, (there will be a green screen there) and get diploma.... this will all be put together in a video with the speeches

  - Aug 6 prom if we are allowed

  - Aug 8 Live graduation or virtual graduation depends on restrictions

Dr. Nagler- Confirmation to use Bar Beach for Movie of the graduation or Tillis is reserved..... the Rumors of other districts doing otherwise are just rumors! The governor gave official notification of no graduations in June!!



Dr. Smith- All updates will be in the weekly letter. We are trying to mirror as much virtually as we would normally do.

Regina-any questions?

Abby- Would businesses be involved with the banners?

-maybe

Debbie- I saw in Port Washington, that the businesses had signs saying "We love our Seniors", can the businesses do something like that?

Mary- Thank you for ALL that you have been doing for the students, especially the seniors!

Abby- On behalf of the Booster Club, we have money if we need for the banners

Nagler- Dr. Smith took graduation to heart... everything we can do we are doing! The company we hired to make the banners will put them up.

Nagler- now, the BUDGET.... this year is like no other year in academic budget. the School district must send ballots to everyone... 16,000! They will go out a week from today, very important to get "YES" votes! Budget to budget it is a .9 increase. Using fund balance down 2.5. For the last 13 years we have kept the budget under 2.5% increase!! We anticipate losing the State Aid up to 20% ....State Aid from 8 million to 7.5 million in new budget

-Took 1 million in Capital we are covered

-Very nervous of how we are voting- allowing people to say "NO" from their couch

-High School locker rooms and bathrooms need upgrade, building, sports, music room and cafeteria at Meadow and the new wing at Jackson need to be done

-We have the 3 million in capital to do the doors at Jackson and Meadow so all schools will have the safety locks.

-We need to relocate the Science and art rooms in Jackson

-New parking at Middle School on Garfield

-Bus Lane at Meadow Drive for safe arrival and dismissal

-Some residents are against this parking lot, we will be having a meeting next Thursday at 7pm about the lane in front of the building which will eliminate the parking spaces so the parking goes where the swings are now

-IF the budget fails, this will be a BIG problem!

-There is a short time frame from when the ballots go out to when they NEED to be at in. If budget fails and the board decides to do another vote, we would need to mail out another set of ballots to all 16,000 people and get them back

-If it fails, we will have to remove ALL capital and new buses from the budget

- Would still need to make up 1.5 million

- -The entire pre k program would be gone, the class sizes would go up, money for sports and music would go down

-Most of the budget is the teachers salaries

-The entire sports program is \$700,000.00

-Pre-k is 1 million.... completely gone!

- This would be radical and still need to get rid of more



- We NEED to stress to people that if the budget fails, it will take at least 3 years to get back to where we are now!
- -The last budget fail was in 2003, now with the tax cap, we would take many years to get back to where we are
- -We NEED 60% to say YES on budget
- -Encourage people to mail ballot right away, it MUST BE DELIVERED BY 5PM on June 9!
- -There will be a ballot box at Willis on June 9 from 9am-5pm for the last minute votes
- Need to call and tell people to vote- FaceBook and social media
- Christa Basel- Mrs. Haffner, in charge of the MTA, said that the lawn signs would not be effective since people are not driving
  - -PTA's are asking for new signs
- Debbie Tobar- Can we use the old signs and cover old info with a sticker with new inf?
- Mary Desiderio- Will a letter of what the school district has done go along with the ballot?
  - if the budget fails, and we do again what % do we need to pass?
    - Nagler- 50%
- Nagler- it will cost \$30,000.00 (3 envelopes for each ballot) more for this mail in vote then the typical budget vote
  - need to vote and mail or drop off
- Christa Basel- The District Council is looking for a challenge to get people to vote
- Nagler- need to go old school, have the elementary class mom use the phone chain
  - Hig School maybe parents can contact parents
- Christa Basel- How many families are in the school?
  - Nagler- 6,000
    - it it too late for voter registration day
- Regina Valente- Any questions?
  - Motion to approve the budget
    - Regina Valente
    - Mary Desiderio
    - Joanne Farrell
  - any oppose... NO
- Regina Valente- This concludes the meeting
- Dr. Smith- we have new class officers.... congratulations to them and their families!