

Red Hook Central School

Mill Road

3-5 BLT minutes

January 4, 2021

Members Present: Brian Boyd, Andy Clark, Lisa Loughran, Kim Houston, Amy Perconti, Travis Gilberti

Minutes: Called to order at 3:39 pm. All minutes were reviewed. Motion to accept, Lisa Loughran, second, Brian Boyd. All accepted.

Old Business:

The RHEF was generous in providing some financial support for families in need through donating gift cards before the holiday break. Mill Road Intermediate also had a few local sponsors in Delaware Engineering and Hannaford. They donated Walmart and Hannaford gift cards. The SEL team, School Nurse, and Mr. Boyd were able to reach out to some families in need and distribute the gift cards. Oblong Books donated roughly 50 books to Red Hook families before the winter break.

The BLT is still interested in finding new, creative ways to infuse fun and joy for students. The Door Decorating Contest, which was led by Lauren Betterton, was an uplifting event for staff and students. The BLT is looking into other similar events.

Virtual Variety Show – The 5<sup>th</sup> grade event is still on the calendar. Many students and staff have enjoyed and participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade show so far.

Mr. Boyd mentioned how successful the Principal's Quest was and the theme of December was generosity. There were students and teachers finding ways to help collect items and do things for families in need and essential workers. There were students who wrote letters of support to individuals at Northern Dutchess Hospital and there were other students who fundraised and did food drives.

New Business:

BLT is still continuing to look for additional parents/support staff to join our committee. Mr. Boyd will bring it up at the next PTA meeting.

At the faculty meeting, Mr. Boyd shared some of the possible virtual event ideas similar to the "Variety Show". Some of the future ideas mentioned were a Virtual Pet

Show, Art Show, and another Variety Show. Mr. Boyd will bring it up again at the January faculty meeting. The theme of January is optimism.

Travis Gilberti will be looking into the amount of Raider Awards he currently has available and whether he needs to purchase more through the PTA. These would be given to students who demonstrate great character and excellent class participation.

Kim Houston shared an idea of creating an art project that each student could possibly design something small showing their appreciation of the community. Remote students have an "At-Home" art kit available.

Mr. Boyd mentioned there is an outstanding Hip-Hop dancer in Kingston that the school can possibly schedule to host a virtual assembly.

Travis Gilberti mentioned having the "Mad Scientist" come in and host a virtual assembly. He will follow up with Mr. Boyd later.

February is "STEM" month and Kim Houston mentioned possibly having the students get a take home science experiment.

Andy Clark shared a posting that she found in Rhinebeck. The idea was to have students write cards to residents who are alone during the pandemic. Meals on wheels would be delivering the messages. Amy Perconti mentioned she has done that with past students and that there were drop boxes locally. Some students did that on their own for the Principals Quest in December.

Next meeting:

Monday February 1, 2021 3:30pm

Facilitator: Travis Gilberti

Recorder: Andy Clark

Snack: N/A

Meeting adjourned 4:11