

Red Hook Central School

Mill Road

3-5 BLT minutes

December 7, 2020

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

Minutes: Called to order 3:34 pm all minutes reviewed. Motion to accept, Lisa Loughran, second, Travis Gilberti. All accepted.

Old Business:

- The group discussed the importance of outreach programs and supporting families that are struggling currently. We agreed that the BLT could help oversee and connect families with PTA funding, the RHEF, and RedHookResponds.org. *Brian will be discussing further at the faculty meeting.*
- BLT is still looking for additional parents/support staff to join our committee. *Brian advised Paul Menz is willing to sit in but only if no one else steps up.*
- The BLT is also interested in finding new, creative ways to infuse fun and joy for students. Now that most PTA and special events are cancelled, we will need to identify new ways to create positive, memorable experiences. *Brian elaborated he would like to find more ways to get creative within Covid-19 guidelines during in-person instruction.*
- Virtual Variety Show – our librarian, Mrs. Quinn-Carl, and new music teacher, Ms. Epstein, are cohosting a virtual variety and talent show for students. Currently 40 students have signed up to be part of the show and include singing, dancing, four-wheeler tricks, magic, poetry, and much, much more. *So far the 3rd and 4th grades have completed their show with overwhelming participation. Last week the 4th grade had 40 kids and lasted approximately 2 hours. The final show will be this Thursday with the 5th graders.*

Committee Goals for 2020-2021 - *Brian will clean up our goals and put them on website.*

- The BLT will find new, creative ways to infuse fun and joy for students.
- Since, large gatherings and traditional PTA and fun, school events cannot happen, we need to identify some strategic activities that can happen.
- Dedicate time and energy to social and emotional well-being of students, staff, and families

New Business:

Kim Houston asked her students for some ideas on what they would like to see as far as activities:

- Another Variety Show
- Virtual Pet Show (stuffed animals okay too)
- Virtual Art Show

- Craft Bag of supplies for a specific art project (like the painting parties) and then a live zoom instruction on how to complete the craft.
- Virtual Dance Class with possible video clip of finished production. Perhaps Art/Ed could assist.
- Theatre/Drama – some type of production played out with everyone being assigned a part.
- Read a thon and then use the \$ to purchase books as gifts.

Kim also discussed students in need, specifically a student in need of glasses, Brian stated there is a committee in place that helps identify families in need and he can bring it up at the next meeting.

Brian Boyd:

- Talked about the Hyde Park Holiday lights tour and how it involved the citizens as well as the school kids.
- Winter Scavenger Hunt
- Award to remote students that have continually “showed” up for class.
- Challenge Teams still intact and need to find a way to meet virtually, perhaps during the next teacher prep day, specials could help with facilitate the challenge team.
- Theme of the month is Generosity – Brian to incorporate reaching out to someone with a kind gesture such as a letter, a visit to a neighbor (socially distant of course).
- Reminded us all of the quote; “When I feel empty, I give” and helping the students realize the act of giving often benefits the giver as well as the receiver.
- Oblong Books providing approximately 40-50 books

Travis Gilberti:

- Raider Pride or virtual badges for participation

Lisa Loughran:

- Holiday drive through or drive by. Amy stated the Halloween drive-thru was a big success, perhaps a winter wonderland drive-thru. Travis suggested handing out candy canes, keep it non-secular.
- Combine care package idea (PTA) with Kim’s art project idea.

An email thread will be sent so that members can “vote” on activity ideas and volunteer to head an idea and bring to fruition.

Next meeting:

Monday January 4, 2021 3:30pm

Facilitator: Amy Perconti

Recorder: Travis Gilberti

Snack: N/A

Meeting adjourned 4:04pm