

## **Newton South PTSO Board Meeting**

November 6, 2019

Present May C, Helen H, Lisa D, Caroline W

### PTSO website

- Special Ed page needs to be updated
- Might add an FAQ page for Seniors

### Budget

- Short \$3,000 of revenue which is mostly raised for Southfest
- Fiscal year is Nov-Nov
- May will meet with a possible new Treasurer
- Treasurer collects dues in the Fall
- Prepares annual filings

### Current teacher contract situation

- How can the PTSO show appreciation and support for teachers' desire to settle a fair contract. Maybe food at conferences? Dinner is hard but could have snacks out in central locations during the conference days. May will check with Chris Hardiman
- School Council is postponed during contract negotiations
- Will conferences be affected?

### Special Ed updates

- Can we support and publicize the Best Buddies program
- Unified Sports is adding cheer and the basketball team was undefeated
- Inclusive schools week is coming up in December. The Library usually participates and Lisa involved in planning along with Melissa Gamble
- How do we promote awareness in the entire community? Can highlight during Welcome coffees
- SEPAC events include Kindness Day
- Darby Wilson working on a Unified Theatre group
- Random Acts of Kindness days can no longer involve food due to new Health guidelines

## GOALS for PTSO

- Build community
- Explore options for increasing communications
- Maximize SEL support and strategize ways to decrease competitive stress. Screenager screening was well attended.
- Help to ease the transition of seniors to college and other post graduate activities. Maybe a forum with young alums speaking to current students about their experiences. Would be coordinated with Kathy Sabet from Career Center
- Southfest 2020 needs to be planned. A chairperson is needed as well as a committee to help with food, vendors, and soliciting and coordinating volunteers
- Explore if Prom can be on a Friday night so getting parent volunteers might be easier