

PTSO Board Meeting
December 10, 2020

Attendance: May Chiu, Helen Haley, Jen Tomaneng, Wayne Fitzpatrick, Allison Lopez, Melissa Monokroussos

- I. Minutes from last meeting:
 - Motion to approve: Wayne Fitzpatrick, Helen Haley seconded, Motion approved
- II. FORJ (Families organizing for racial justice):
 - South now has a group
 - The goal is to provide more anti-racism awareness, events and discussions
 - Book club (Stamped by Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds) discussion is January 13, 2021
 - Discussion ensued about how PTSO can support FORJ. The organization will apply for a PTSO grant to help with funding book purchases for the upcoming book club
 - The FORJ planning team would like the PTSO to be mindful of how the Hyflex model may affect students/families of color in terms of COVID
 - The Board will continue to discuss how we can best support FORJ
- III. Bylaws:
 - Discussion ensued about revisions of bylaw. Motion to approve revisions by Helen, second by Allison. All in favor, motion approved
- IV. Wayne reviewed PTSO budget:
 - Little change from last month's budget
 - There is a possibility that we may need to ask the community for more donations in the spring if there are more programs/activities that we want to do
- V. Hyflex:
 - Decisions are due by Sunday at midnight. Discussion ensued about preparations for the Hyflex including staff and building preparations
- VI. Staff Appreciation:
 - In January we will do something for the teachers. With Covid, we will need to do things a little differently
 - We were able to get all staff and coaches custom-made Newton South masks, sponsored by NS Boosters.
 - We have been providing food and treats on Wednesdays for staff in December.