**PTG Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, 2/12 @ 9:30am | Willard Elementary School**

***Attendance:*** *Kristen Lester, Kaitlyn Whittier, Bryn Hilts, Matt Lucey, Amy Casher, Jamie Ring, Tracy DeTora, Hugo Valdovines, Robin Baughman, Emily Perez, Darcy Heintz Perkins, Andrew Herchek, Katie Newt, Matt Lucey, Cara Palladino, Colleen Currier*

**Principal Update** - Matt Lucey

School Committee vote is upcoming on April 9. Andrew Herchek is a Willard dad and is running for School Committee and came to introduce himself and listen in to the meeting. Concord native, believes district is operating at a high level and is a big supporter of Dr. Hunter. Three candidates for 2 seats on the committee at the upcoming election.

Katie Newt, head of food services at Willard, was a former caterer/executive chef. 66% of students use the lunch program here at Willard. Katie is committed to our children and as many of us know the kids love Katie. Willard implemented as of 2/12 a free breakfast program. Incorporating more diversity in the menu each month. Question about the ordering system- is there a way to make it more efficient? This lives with the administrator- Matt and Katie can provide this feedback. Katie will always feed kids even if order hasn’t been placed but encourages parents to use the system for accurate counts. Kitchen is well designed and operates well.

School resource officers were here to share with the attendees about upcoming safety drill taking place after break. Officers will be going through the building today to check in with teachers about their specific space and safety practices. Will be the same training as last year- will be a soft approach with no weapons discussions and they will not be making sounds/yelling, etc.. Sensitivity to students who have had past traumas- will specifically talk to those teachers and prepare for this. Teachers will have the heads up as to when drill occurs. ALICE – preferred response is now to evacuate if you are in a safe place to evacuate; trying to build confidence for adults to make the right decision. Lockdown drill happens once a year but also have evacuation drills and bus drills. Concord PD will ALWAYS enter the building immediately upon hearing of an incident.

**Presidents' Update** - Kristin Lester/Kaitlyn Whittier

Spelling Bee- March 22nd

Math Night March 29th Lauren Scanio looking for volunteers to co-chair

Science Fair April 6th

Spring Fling May 19th

International Fair Sunday April 28th (1-3pm) Hugo will be co-chairing with Jeanne

Would like to implement Spirit Day for students/teachers to wear Green.

 ***PTG Committee Updates***

**Treasurer’s Report-** Colleen Currier

Have some funding coming in from a few events (orange theory, etc..) but overall a light month. Discussion around what to do with additional funds that PTG has- ongoing discussion.

*Meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM*