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Attendees: Maria Heredia, Kassandra Minor, Meredith Hackett, Teresa Bazzi, Roy Griffith, Annie Giovino Kim Landman, Ronni Horowitz, Victoria Morey, Colleen Cruz, Travis Rew-Porter, Regina Rodgers

- Committee Reports:
- PTA:
 - Auction still ready to go live at the end of the week. Open to all, not just members of our community.
 - Elections: We can't have elections till October. Nominations can take place in September if we're back in school, otherwise current SLT members and PTA Executive Board members will stay on until we're able to hold in-person nominations.
 - Same goes for requesting or providing money: in-person voting is required.
- Unfinished Business:
 - Nominations for new officer positions on PTA and Parent Representative positions on SLT can wait until September to allow for greater participation
- New Business:
 - New staff position funded by DOE- something akin to a social emotional coach will not be put in place in the fall due to severe citywide budget cuts
 - Grading policy for remainder of this year: Key information sent to parents by Ms. Garraway. "Meets Standards" (MT) or "Needs Improvement" (N). Looking at kids holistically as a staff. Kids cannot be penalized for inability to access remote curriculum. Looking at effort, participation, submission of work. Question raised about struggling students who are not prepared for the next grade - new grading policy does take into account work done before we went to remote schooling. Currently there has been no information given about repeating grades or implications of receiving N's.
 - Potential to loop next year: Looping is when a teacher follows their cohort of students into the following year. Has this been discussed? This discussion has not been discussed as a staff and plans for next year are unclear at this point. There are a lot of factors at play that are unknown at this moment, but all ideas are being discussed.
 - 5th grade celebrations - how can we modify them for social distancing? Annie sat with 5th grade committee - parents planning these celebrations. Lots of ideas being discussed. There will be a virtual graduation. All celebrations will continue. When school does reopen, this year's 5th grade will be invited back for a homecoming so students can come back for a proper goodbye. Working on care packages for kids - sashes, memory books, etc.
 - Conversation about including parents to help with community outreach and clarification for parents about academic and social emotional supports available at home. Parent-teacher check-ins are focused on this. Community building and

community connections are really difficult right now. Some families are not connected to classrooms and lots of families are overwhelmed. How can parents and teachers work together to get more people looped in? A schedule of happy hours will be sent out. Audra is a consultant from the office of mental health assigned to our school. She's supported us and has helped us arrange workshops on various topics. That office is trying to support us through this time. Next week there will be a workshop/webinar for parents that will provide an opportunity to share parenting tips. Teresa is trying to get contacts from Audra - therapists, counselors, etc. in response to requests from parents. Miwa's schedule is full and is unavailable to take on new patients.

- Parent-teacher conferences: Feedback from parents that conferences are too short. In kindergarten they were 7 minutes long. Contractually there's only a certain amount of time allocated to conferences and classes that have a lot of students schedule short conferences. Otherwise it would be taken from instructional time. Parents who would like more time can take advantage of parent engagement time on Tuesday afternoons.
- Community concerns:
 - Conversation about how to create a supportive space for connecting with others who are trying to figure out remote learning, parenting, etc. Community-building in a different context than the happy hours, which will be primarily for socializing.
 - Creating more opportunities for kids to socialize: how can we host more "playdates" that are facilitated/moderated by an adult? Teresa & Charity are talking about starting "Let's Hang Out" groups for this purpose.