

Sept 2 2021

Vice-President Lauren Truslow called the meeting to order at 6:30pm with Board Introductions

13 people were in attendance:

Meeting Agenda

1. Introductions 6:30-6:40

1. Truslow, Lauren
2. Wright, Hannon
3. McGill, Julia
4. Maupin, Erin
5. Rosenblatt, Amanda
6. Jensen, Maureen
7. Jaskot, Farrell
8. Keller, Griffin
9. Carper, Megan
10. Kyin, Kim Dowdell
11. Felts, Casey
12. Ragland, Latara
13. Ragland, Jonathan

2. PTO Overview (who we are/what we do) 6:40-6:45

_____ 501c3; review membership body/rules

Review meeting format

3. Principal's Update 6:45-6:55

_____ Opening of school has gone well/smooth

Covid dashboard - no SPES yet (1 of 3 schools)

Social and emotional learning coach added to all schools this year - help with transition back to in-person school/navigate learning interruptions

1 year role

Addtl support from counselor and Ms. Jensen

First faculty meeting - covering logistics, smoother carline and bus line

Class sponsorships - grades/teachers "own" an area in school, partner with PTO to manage responsibilities

Working with Wildrock - Homecoming (interactive schoolyard art) - all students will participate - art installation made from repurposed materials on the nature trail - handheld birds journey through the schoolyard - 45 minute activity - will interact at faculty meeting - professional development for teachers as well - October 14/15

Eating outside for now - no cafeteria for now

If unmasked in the classroom and unmasked (snacks, etc) should be 6ft apart (not in learning pods)

Tent - will be installed behind the learning cottages - no ACPS schools have received theirs - should be installed by mid September - folding tables and chairs are ready - what are the rain plans? Do we need umbrellas or ponchos

Lunches - push not to prepack, allow children to make choices

Trees down on the nature trail - do we need volunteers to remove them

Discussion on covid rates and how those will impact a school going virtual

4. Approval of May Meeting Minutes 6:55-7:00

_____ Minutes were reviewed and approved

5. Present and approve PTO Budget for 2021-22 school year 7:00-7:15

_____ Griffin Keller presented proposed 21/22 budget and reviewed changes

_____ Marquee - ~5k

Should we dip into savings

Document on store programs, amazon, box tops

_____ Griffin to distribute approved copy after meeting

Budget was voted on and approved

DDD

Should we reconsider DDD timing, given how much we have in our account currently

Purchase marquee now, but use other projects as target for DDD

Focus on new projects and spend at the Oct meeting

6. Parent Council (who they are/what they do/need 1-2 reps for this year!) 7:15-7:20

_____ Kim Dowdell

Parent Council is reps for all ACPS schools - meet 1/mo with Dr. Haas and Patrick McLaughlin

Families helping Families started in parent council last year to help school families that have needs that schools cannot address

Need one more parent council rep from SPES + FHF

Megan will send an email to solicit volunteers

7. Questions: ideas for this upcoming year 7:20-7:30

_____ Covid relief funds - flexible use ways and ~\$500 left

Mr Flint Memorial- tree or bench? Gym dedication?

Appreciation gifts - 1/year for each

Bring back teacher/staff breakfast

October meeting focused on planning

Meeting adjourned - Next meeting Oct 5 - 630pm