

10/20/2021

Attendees: Dr. Lauren Carter (guest)

Sam P (Agnor Hurt), Ali M (Henley), Patrick McLaughlin, Kimberly D (SPES), Lauren M (Monticello), Heidi GB (Community), Sharon F, Soledad (MW Lewis), Mathew Hass, Carmen LS (Greer), Abbe W (MS), Meagan G (Hollymead), Kelly G (Lakeside), Chris W (Brownsville), Leah S (Stone Robinson), Danny (Crozet), Allison O (Baker-Butler), Chris P, Jude C HS, Kar H, Laura H (Mountain View), Alice F (SPED)

Meetings from the September meeting were approved.

Parent Council still needs a secretary to take meeting minutes. If you are interested let Kim or Lauren know. If no one volunteers we might need to assign one.

Families Helping Families Update

- Still looking for representatives for a few schools (Baker Butler, Burley, Jouett, Meriwether Lewis, Red Hill, Stony Point & Western Albemarle)
- Many ways to volunteer. See the email for links.
- Please continue to spread awareness that FHF exists and can be a resource for anyone who is struggling.

Treasurer Updated

- \$1344 - we have not contributed to this during the pandemic
- Everything is coming to Carmen as she doesn't have access

Guest Speaker - Lauren Carter, Ph. D, Licensed Clinical Psychologist

Transgender & Gender-Expansive Students

Great Presentation & Discussion

Resources to be attached

Transportation Pulse-Check - Mostly just feedback given back to Dr. McLaughlin and Dr. Haas.

- Are the remedies that have been put into place been effective and should we expect there are more to follow.
- A lot more car and foot traffic. Principals have done a great job with the flow of traffic. Amazing job trying to juggle it.
- Lot of concerns about walker safety. Lot of kids on foot to avoid the "car loop". How are other schools handling it.
- Concerning about whether there has been an increase in absenteeism from transportation workers given their level of stress?
- Comments about increasing wages for transportation in other school systems.
- Some comments about whether there can be something done for ES kids to help with morning drop-off. ? EDEP like program
- Grateful for the bus drivers.

Community Building during current landscape - Parent Council reps broke into 2 elementary school groups and 1 middle/high school group to discuss how schools were approaching fundraising. Ideas that were shared to the larger group included outdoor movie nights, conducting a walk-a-thon during school hours so parents could come and cheer, promoting class-based facebook and instagrams; pumpkin carving contest, Trunk or Treat, Food trucks in the school parking lot.

COVID-19 Update

- Overall things seem to be improving in the county
- Rates are coming down; less students and staff with covid, and less quarantine happening now than at our last meeting
- Over 80% of ACPS 12-18 year olds are fully vaccinated
- ACPS is working with Blue Ridge Health Department to discuss a plan for 5-11 yo when that is approved. Likely going to be using a variety of locations, some schools (but not all) will be used as vaccination sites for vaccine clinics to occur outside of school hours.

Superintendent Update

- Dr. Haas really enjoyed the presentation by Dr. Carter tonight and feels like we have taken some first good steps with lots of work ahead of us.
- Graduation rate last year was 96.5% which was higher than state average. Hoping this raises discussion about how much is really needed to graduate in the future.
- Appreciated transportation discussion. We really reset this year and now it's time to build and try to think outside the box.
- Budget development process is underway. Good news from the state but unclear how that will translate into school funding. Helen Dunn is the contact for parent council to advocate with.
- Going to be starting a new committee to hear about resource distribution. Going to need parent reps. More to come.
- Unstable workforce - circulated the idea about adding 5 days off in the spring. Maybe converting the ½ days to whole days off to give teachers/students time to recharge.