

Agnor-Hurt PTO Meeting

March 15, 2022 7:00-8:30 pm

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Greetings/Introductions Brittany Mullinex & Emily Mathon

Meeting started at 7:03

Katherine Greer
Emily Mathon
Brittany Mullinex
Mike Irani
Allie Cascino
Amy Smith
Jen Brugh
Jennifer Mackrous
Sam Peacoe
Leslie Genson
Katrina Callsen
Brittany Lichter
Sheila Chrobak
Cheryl Brooks

Principal/Assistant Principal Update Mr. Irani, Principal

Thank you for stocking up snacks! Everyone has been very appreciative. Also, there has been a lot of enthusiasm for the laminator fundraiser. Additionally, multicultural night went really well, we are excited to build on this in the future!

General academic update: mid-year assessments were given. Our goal this year has been to become accredited by the state of Virginia. Our scores are not what we hoped they would be, but they are not as poor as they could have been. However, we also look at student growth. 95% of students are on track to make at least a year's worth of growth, which is tremendous considering quarantine and other Covid related absences. Spring is the time where we see the most growth, so we are very optimistic overall! The range of reading levels that a teacher starts with has expanded significantly. Every classroom has at least 3 grade levels worth of readers in it. Our ultimate goal in 3 years is to not see achievement gaps, which is a realistic opportunity ahead of us.

Scheduling- we want to make sure we are meeting everyone's needs and providing equity for all students. A form will be coming out to give the school feedback. The biggest thing is negotiating stand alone vs. multiage classrooms. Multiage classrooms were done by a random selection process this year. The concern is making sure families all have the same choice. Families will be given the option to learn about multi-age and stand-alone classes. After that, parents will be asked which option they prefer. The goal is to fill 100% of parent requests. The goal is to give all families and kids the same opportunities. The plan for next year is to put all 4th and 5th grade classrooms in the multiage space. All 1st and 2nd grade will be in the B pod. In this way, all students get access to all spaces by the end of their time at Agnor-Hurt.

Covid update-since we last met, masks have become optional. This was relatively uneventful. Overall, 75% of students are still masked. We haven't had any complications, and this is going relatively smoothly. The most encouraging thing is that we haven't had any cases recently, we are hoping that stays steady so that in-person community events can pick up soon.

Staff updates: Sheila Madison is moving to Maryland. Her last day will be April 29. We are actively recruiting and interviewing soon for a replacement.

Two community forums coming up-one in the morning and one in the evening, office hours available if anyone has questions. We are working on a visual to send out for families to be informed of updates.

Question: How are virtual families getting this information? For these kinds of forms, we are working on ensuring all families (including virtual) are getting these.

Question: As a family who has been a part of the multi-age from the beginning, the Gator Champ came across as parents not being involved or having a choice in the past. In the past, we *were* given a letter and information about the choices (we were told it was a lottery). The letter was upsetting and hard to read, and this may have come across the wrong way to new parents. There was always an opportunity for discussion and decision. (Mr. Irani: that was certainly not our intent, so this feedback is very helpful, and we'll ensure in future communications that this is clear).

Parent Council Update Sam Peacoe, Parent Council Rep

This information is from last month. The parent council focused on two presentations. One was on the shift from gifted approach to unleveled approach to provide equity to educational offerings for students. There was good Q&A around this. The other presentation was about mental health. There was information shared about mental health advocacy options. They are hoping to be able to provide dedicated access to spots for mental health assistance for ACPs students. For equity, they are hoping for this to be funded for a grant or offered on a sliding scale. There was also a conversation about suicide attempts, ER admits, etc. It was encouraging to hear about growth to be seen and initiatives being taken. There was also a

Covid update provided (mask change, what the plans were if there were protests, etc.) KN95 masks are available to all students. Tomorrow's meeting will be from the transportation department. The meeting tomorrow will also discuss teacher appreciation and equity. We will also talk about currently Covid policy and procedure (and what the future will look like there). Also, there is conversation about the county purchasing a Zoom account for everyone (we would possibly contribute money to this).

Question: for tomorrow-would there be a Zoom link for every school or would it be shared (if schools had events on the same day and time).

SEAC Update Jaronda Miller-Bryant & Laura Strauss, SEAC Reps

No SEAC updates.

Budget Update prepared by Emily Mathon

Magic show-we came close to our goal for earnings. Smile/Kroger link up is very helpful. Box Tops is also generating some income, so keep up with that. Costs: multicultural night bookmarks. For the magic show, we had to pay the magician, but we still made more money than was spent. Staff appreciation has continued (special groups,). Teacher reimbursement requests have been coming in, and we've been trying to get money back to teachers quickly. Teachers have until Spring Break to turn in receipts, and we have plenty in the budget to pay for that. Library supplies: books have been purchased over time, there's more coming! We also made \$265 at the Bojangles night!

Business

- Past events -
 - Multicultural Night: Teka really took the lead on this and did an AMAZING job! Considering that it wasn't in person, we had great family participation.
- Upcoming events
 - Updates:
 - Bingo Night - March 25 from 7-8:15, planning is underway! **We still need some prizes!** We need 8-10 more prizes! Send in to Ms. Mullinex! You also drop off to any staff in the car line. Buy tickets!
 - Book Fair - April 18-22: If anyone is interested in volunteering, email jennifer.brugh@gmail.com. We don't need a lot of volunteers, but a few people would be helpful! This will mostly be on April 21-22. We will also get the info out about this in the newsletter. Mr. Irani said that we'd love to be able to find a way for every kid to walk out with a book. It would be helpful to get a grant. Let us know if anyone has any ideas or connections.

- Laminator Fundraiser Launched (a little late) on Monday 3/14. The plan is to give this a month. It just started! Please share this and donate if you can. We are about $\frac{1}{3}$ towards our goal already!
 - May 1-7- Teacher Appreciation Week - need volunteers for this. Leslie Genson wants to be respectful of not stepping on toes but also wants to start working on this and asking for donations. Leslie and Kim Rambo(?) met with Mr. Irani last week. They want to have a theme for each day. Kim had an idea about a menu for the kids to do something (ex: Monday is flower day). We also talked about a small gift-WordArt (kids names in a shape with a thank you in a frame). Cornerstone Church wants to give a gift again, teachers filled out a form for this. Do we want to move ahead with calling people? It might be helpful to do a “grab and go” on the first day. We can pull together people on the email thread to get volunteers set for this. Thank you, Leslie, for getting these ideas started and getting the ball rolling!
 - [Shkrimp Shack event](#) We approached them about a donation for the Bingo night. They gave us some gift cards. They also talked to us about doing a spirit night. Brittany met with the manager. There were a lot of requirements, but there are a lot of things to figure out. There would need to be someone present the whole night. Someone is required to be there to address people from AHES who come. We don't have to make a decision about this right now, we can consider it in the future. We are going to table it for now.
- Officers needed for next year
 - Teacher participation discussion-do we want to have teacher and parents involved together as a team? Amy mentioned that it was something she loved, it's helpful to have the teachers involved. Sam agreed. The more opportunity for parents and teachers to work together and create a larger family for our kids is good!
Mr. Irani-does parent council talk about this? Sam Peacoe said they haven't heard anything. Mr. Irani feels like this group works well together, the only concern would be if there were an uncomfortable conversation or situation. No decision has to be made tonight, but it's something to bring up if someone does want to propose a change.
 - Roles open in 2022-2023
 - President or Co-Presidents
 - Treasurer or Co-Treasurer
 We need to have an idea of who we want in these roles or who to invite.
 - Timeline
 - April - Need identified people to invite to May
 - May – Have people identified for new roles
 - June- VOTE and new leaders take the reigns

- Ongoing projects
 - Appreciation for Special Staff -
 - March -Support Staff
 - Appreciation for staff
 - Staff Lounge - monthly sprucing and re-stock

Closing

Meeting ended at 8:17

Meeting dates for 2021-2022

- April 19th
- May 17th
- June 7th (1st Tuesday due to summer break)