PTA General Membership Meeting

Board Attendees:

Jason McConachy, Kim Painter, Sarah Yurasko, Theresa Thomas, & Becky Rotem Members:

Tracy McConachy, Anne Neumann, Jill Hunt, Stacey Rubino, Sarah Yurasko, Lisa Baxter, Melanie Manikas, Anne Neumann, Amy Beck, Brett Ketchum, Mary Holden, Linda Emerson, Wendy McGraw, Jenn Dixon, Jeannie Waters, Vicky Trump, Sonoe Engle, Mary Gatton, Lisa Hammond, Katherine Seto, Katy Harvey, Faye Dobler, Angela Lock, Christina Wilson, Pam Wilson, Mark Bibbee, Laura Jane Cohen, Danielle Ryan, Jill Hunt, Rachel Ehlers, Kristen Sinclair, Lindsay Frazier, Cathy Brown, Stacy Vickers, Mary Ellen Prevost, Joanna Sampson, Alyssa Adeyemi, Sara Scott, Stephanie McGuire, Jessica Busch, Regina Galie, Laura Connelly, Kim Frece, Endiza Segarra

Online – Go to Meeting Meeting Minutes:

Call to Order

J. McConachy called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

President's Update:

- Introduction of our local school board representative in attendance (Laura Jane Cohen)
- Nominating Committee Report by K. Seto:
 - o Announcement of the executive board slate for 2020-2021
 - For our election next month, B. Rotem will be considered for second VP and A. Kudirka will be considered for secretary. (Jason will return for a second year as president, Kim will return for second year as treasurer, and Terri will return for a second year as 1st VP)
 - Election will be at PTA meeting next month

Principal's Update:

- Many staff members are in attendance at this PTA meeting
- Mr. Bibbee thanks the staff. He is so proud of their effort and the learning opportunities they've created. Everyone has been working really hard to connect with families and children
- We have a lot of activities coming up for community engagement, including spirit week
- Regarding distance learning, Mr. Bibbee & Ms. Waters are very collaborative with teachers and solicit feedback and teachers have a lot of input.
- 1st through 6th grades have been using google classroom almost all year. It can handle many users at a time. We hope by moving to google classroom that we won't have platform load issues and we can have the semblance of a normal day. We are trying to provide a mix of working opportunities and what would be a typical school day. All live recordings are recorded.
- K. Harvey has been working a lot for the past 6 weeks to support our staff with online learning.

- Monday we will start our regular schedule. Next week Mr. Bibbee will do an online chat with families.
- Mr. Bibbee has received questions on collection of personal items and 6th grade promotion.
 - Students can't pick up general items now. We are awaiting guidance on that. If there are emergency things you need, such as instruments, Mr. Bibbee can do a limited pick up with a cart out front.
 - o 6th grade promotion: Mr. Bibbee has talked to teachers and room parents. We are playing this by ear. We will have certificates and awards at end of year. If there's a relaxation of the restrictions, we might be able to do a ceremony & Mr. Bibbee would support that.
- Mrs. Waters:
 - Our special education teachers are scheduling IEP meetings including the temporary learning plans. If you have questions please reach out to Clare Foley, Special Education Team Leader.
- Question from A. Neumann: what are the chances school will resume over the summer? Any plans for fall if schools don't reopen?
 - We don't know. The county may be able to do something (likely online) over the summer for students at further risk of regression. Retention is a concern that has been raised, but there's no plan to retain students as a general matter.
- The school plans to distribute spring pictures with personal belongings
- Continue to send class placement emails (deadline is June 1 for receipt of the letter). We are trying to do class placement as normally as possible.
- We are trying to make this time as normal as possible, such as going back to PTA weekly highlights being mailed out each week.
- Question from audience: will we get a bigger IT specialist budget for a full time IT or two when we move to one-to-one? At this point our staffing is not allocating a full time SBTS (tech specialists). We would welcome that at our school if the school board or school system allowed this allocation.
- Kindergarten orientation and registration:
 - o Contact Vicky Williams to register for Kindergarten
 - There might be a virtual Kindergarten orientation. There used to be an August parent preview night, and we might go back to that.

2nd VP Report:

Volunteer Recognition:

- A. Robbins (Arts & Enrichment)
- A. Gianoukos & B. Trupo (Fitness)
- E. Carroll (Family Reading Night)
- K. Seto (Nominating Committee)
- K. Bridon and A. Copes (Box Tops)
- K. Sinclair (School Grounds)
- A. Neumann (School Kits)
- C. Allen (Silent Auction)
- J. Bradley (Spring Carnival)

- L. Baxter & K. Goerhing (Staff Relations)
- J. Gallihugh (Talent Show)
- Rebecca Benner (Yearbook)
- Ms. McGuire and the staff formed an Enthusiasm and Connection Committee and they looped in the SCA and PTA.
 - o Next week is a virtual spirit week.
 - o The following week will feature a teacher picture collage
 - o The following week will feature a reading minutes challenge
 - We are also planning a family reading night and PJ party
 - o For the Trex Recycling Project, we came in 5th place. We recycled over 1,000 lbs of plastic. We will get a flower box in the fall
- The PTA Board is not sure what next year looks like either. We still need volunteers, especially spirit wear.

1st VP Report:

• Glory days will extend the time to turn in receipts for our fundraiser. Terri has a box with a slot to drop off receipts at school. It will be out there through May 15.

Closing:

Meeting adjourned at 8:30