

PTA Meeting Minutes 11-17-2020

Noted that we have a quorum

Mark Bibbee	Anne Newmann	Ashley Kudirka
Katherine Seto	Jocelyn Balangue	Lisa Baxter
Alyssa Adeyemi	Catherine Brown	Cynthia Allen
Elizabeth Busby	Elizabeth Carroll	Enidza Segarra
Eric Hooks	Jason McConachy	Jennifer Dixon
Julie Shepard	Kim Painter	Krissy Schmidt
Kristin W	Laurie Wilson	Leslie Lauth-Torres
Lisa Hammond	Megan Van Hoy Dwyer	Monica Fischer
Pam Wilson	Theresa Thomas	Tracy McConachy
2 unknown	Eric Hooks	

- Principal's Update

- Extremely disappointed in the delay. Taking questions. 1. What impact does this have on future cohorts of students? This is to be determined. Will k-2 still have staged returns – don't know yet.
- Fewer than 200 cases Per 100k people and less than 10% positivity rate. Those are the criteria. Monday the number was 211 – was above 300 the last couple of days which is why average was so high.
- Positivity rate was 6.1 %.
- Once kids are in school, you only have to meet one of those criteria. So if kids had been back already, then they would stay and this is why preschool gets to stay.
- If the 200 and the 10% are true, then the entire county goes all virtual.
- School by school basis for other situations.
- We have to get below the threshold and stay below it for a week or two.
- Thank you to the 9 people who responded to be adult monitors.
- Received several nominations for outstanding teachers.
- Broadly speaking, educators are assessing the impact of distance learning on children. Social/emotional issues are of concerns. Also noting in some cases where previously high-performing students are struggling.
- Question/Comment: Missing folders that come home with information. Could there be an easier way for parents to see how their children are doing. Mr. Bibbee will give this feedback to team leaders. Goal has been to increase visibility. Gradebook has been tried and did not work out.
- We did not do interim progress reports 1st quarter.

- What is the expectation for students checking their email? There is a huge volume. Mr. Bibbee will address with team leaders.
 - Comment: You can turn off google classroom notifications. That will help.
 - Question: Is there anything we can do to help with returning to school? 86% of our community wants to go back. You can email the assistant superintendent or the superintendent however the place where you'll make the biggest impact is with the school board.
 - Laura Jane Cohen advocates strongly on our behalf. She represents 51 schools in different pyramids.
 - Comment that Virginia PTA supports parent choice.
- Presentation: Engaging Military Families by Julie Shepard, NOVA District PTA Advocacy Chair, and Fairfax County Council PTA Military Families Chair
 - Julie is a Navy spouse and officer at Hayfield PTA as well as the NOVA District PTA Advocacy Chair and Fairfax County Council PTA Military Families Chair. She works to bring awareness to military families. To see her story and learn more, visit <https://www.militaryfamily.org/local-connections-can-aid-education-transition-woes/>
 - Issues for military families: 1. Time away 2. Spouse employment 3. Children's education
 - Cultural competence: 47% feel the community has respect for military families. PTA could help with helping the parents get integrated.
 - 32% of families have lived apart.
 - Some feel they don't belong to their community.
 - Inclusion and diversity. This includes military families in addition to minorities. Virginia educates more military children than any other state.
 - Every state has signed an interstate compact for educational opportunity for military children.
 - Purple star designation program for schools is new. It's becoming something that military families look for to ensure their family will be ok at that school.
 - Impact Aid – how does this affect Ffx Co? This is because not everyone pays taxes into the county. Julie will send more information.
 - School Liaison Officers – We have two out of Ft. Belvoir.
 - Ways to help military families: Have POC on school website. Hayfield has a military families connect committee.
 - MIC3 Interstate Compact – point is to help level the playing field for students who are moving around. Also helps children of service members who are retired or are disabled, up to 1 year. K-1st entrance, immunizations, gifted placement. If child is receiving gifted services, they

will receive likewise placement until they can be tested. Dan Dunham is a specialist who can help military families who are having trouble.

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- Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) – student to student, student ambassador program. MCEC runs a parent to parent program as well.
- How to help military families coming in. 1. Sending forms to parents ahead of their move. Include health forms. 2. Special Ed. and gifted children need extra help. Partners of Promise – helps military children with special needs. 3. Offer a buddy program (someone to have lunch with or virtual lunch bunch.) 4. Sending info to parents from the PTA.
- Moving mid-year – What school supplies do they need? Can list be modified when they register in the middle of the year. Auditions, placement tests. Coffee or evening social to welcome parents.
- Impact aid – there's been talk about withholding impact aid forms until schools are available for in-person. What is the impact for military families if these forms are not filled out? Answer: This would affect budget for programming by reducing funds.
- For PTA School of Excellence, military family assistance is one area we'd like to focus on. We are moving forward with the Purple star designation.
- Amanda Woodyard is director for MCEC. Recommend that Cherry Run gets connected with her.
- Thank you to Julie. You have a direct impact on our school and our PTA.
- Comment: Several of Cherry Run teachers have been trained in this information

Approval of October meeting minutes

Motion to move: Catherine Brown

Second: Terri Thomas

Meeting minutes are approved.

- Silent Auction: Discuss and vote to approve use of proceeds from our upcoming Silent Auction to support Cherry Run Elementary School.
 - We are planning to open this Dec 3-8. Cindy Allen is doing a lot of work for this.
 - Not doing new requests for items.
 - We're taking the donations from last year and putting them into the auction for this year. Have about 75 items.
 - Money goes straight into the school (not PTA) for technology, classroom supplies, sound equipment, etc.

- In terms of where revenue will go, Mr. Bibbee's top needs are: 1. Library and reading (Books-must be set aside for 7 days after they are returned, reading materials) 2. Technology (Monitors for staff – to untether them from the computer during concurrent learning, new cameras)

The motion on the floor is to approve the use of proceeds of the Silent Auction to be designated for library and reading materials including differentiated reading instruction materials, literacy intervention materials, books for the library or classroom libraries, and/or technology in support of virtual or concurrent learning such as online programs, monitors, microphones, cameras etc. and to be used as directed by the school within these areas.

Motion by Ashley Kudirka

Seconded by Katherine Seto

This motion was approved.

Comment that people would be interested in ability to donate to specific things.

- Budget and Other Updates
 - Memberships are down but 2 person memberships are much higher than expected. With carryover, we will be able to fund the library and teacher reimbursement. We have some funds to plan some activities.
- Another round of Spirit Wear is coming up. Pajama hats, Beanie hats, masks, long sleeve performance shirts. Each item is a separate order, but you won't have to pay for shipping if you ship it to Claire.
<https://www.customink.com/fundraising/cherryrun>
- The book fair is happening now.
- Also, this is SCA spirit week.
- This Thursday is Restaurant Spirit Week. Ledo's Pizza (5-9). They have takeout. 20% goes to Cherry run. **Mention Cherry Run if you do takeout or bring flyer if you go in person.
- SCA has extended sock collection until Nov 30th.
- Staff relations – Today, Lisa Baxter delivered beautiful succulent plants that said "Thank you for helping our kids grow" for our teachers. That's the first batch of gifts for teachers.
- This is our last scheduled meeting before January.

Jason moved to adjourn the meeting.