

## PTA Meeting Minutes 01-26-2021

Jason noted that we have a quorum.

Jean Waters	Amy Rix
Jason McConachy	Jocelyn Balangue
Tracy McConachy	Catherine Brown
Katherine Seto	Elizabeth Busby
Elizabeth Carroll	Lindsay Frazier
Alyssa Adeyemi	LJ Fussell
Jason McConachy	Mary Gatton
Amy Beck	Terri Thomas
Laura Connelly	Eric and Lauren Hooks
Vicky Trump	Vicky Trump
Kim Painter	2 unknown
Melanie Manakis	
Kristin Wiley	
Ashley Kudirka	

Vote to approve meeting minutes from last meeting on November 17, 2020.

- Motion to move: Katherine Seto
- Second: Tracy McConachy
- Meeting minutes are approved.

Election of nominating committee. This committee makes recommendations for filling board member positions. We have three volunteers to serve. Those are Katherine Seto, Christina Caporale and Amy Rix.

- Motion to move: Terri Thomas
- Second: Ashley Kudirka
- Committee members are approved.

Members will present candidates during the March meeting and the membership will vote during the May meeting. The roles of President, 1<sup>st</sup> VP (Programs role) and Treasurer will be vacant and are up for election. The role of 2<sup>nd</sup> VP role term is not expired but will also be vacant. This role involves coordinating volunteers. If you are interested in any of these roles, feel free to talk with any board member or nominating committee member.

Katherine Seto urged anyone who may be interested to please contact her. She noted that PTA takes a lot of work, but is a fulfilling job.

### Jean Waters Presentation on Learning Targets (See slides)

- Aim is to get students engaged in reaching their learning targets. They are discussed, often written on a board. Kids show how they know the material.
- Targets are measurable and attainable.

- Began distributing learning targets in response to survey results. (Part of regular surveying done by Fairfax County to families every 2 years.)
- Responsive classroom: Morning meetings, the way we speak to kids, give choices. Address academic and social growth.
- If a parent asks for a meeting, someone from the school (teacher, counsellor) will meet with them.
- Curriculum has changed. Learning targets help everyone to be aware of what is being taught this year.
- Targets are rewritten every year based on our collaborative teaching team meetings.

#### Current Return to School Plan and New Bell Schedule

- Groups 1-4: (Preschool autism and Students with Disabilities) - **Tues Feb 16th, New bell schedule will be 9:45-4:15**
- Group 5: **Kindergarten** - **Tues Feb 23rd.**
- Group 6: **Grades 1 and 2** - **March 9th.** Teacher prep. days on March 4th and 5th (Teachers need to learn a new camera system for concurrent learning).
- Group 7: **Grades 3-6** - **March 16th** with Teacher work days on March 11th and 12th
- Group 8 Part 1: **Grades 8, 9 and 12** - **March 2nd.**
- Group 8 Part 2: **Grades 7, 10, 11** - **March 9th.**

Computer trade-out coming up. Older kids' laptops which are newer will be reimaged and given to the younger students. The older kids will be getting newer computers.

Question: If kids return will they need to bring their laptops?

-They will keep them for when they are at home so that kids in learning pods like reading groups can work together whether they are at home or in school.

Question: Will there be a new school supply list when kids return? Kids will need headphones, right?

-This hasn't been discussed yet but yes, kids will need their own materials to keep safe. For now, bring the materials that you originally planned to bring.

It is VA School Principal appreciation week. We wish a happy school appreciation week to Ms. Waters and Mr. Bibbee!

- Budget Update (Kim Painter)
  - Revenue is down but so is spending.
  - We had a wonderful silent auction. Raised just under \$4,200. Mr. Bibbee and team can figure out where to spend within the areas voted on by the

PTA in December. Thank you to Cindy Allen for arranging and doing a ton of work for that. Most of funds will go towards reading tools – instructional reading materials and what will be needed for return to school.

- Received generous donation from Cherry Run Home Owners Association of \$200.
- People are buying the vintage spirit wear.
- If/when we return to school, there will be funds for what will be going on. Could have enough funding for activities and assemblies (depending on procedures).

#### Other Updates

\*Spirit Night at Ledo's - \$1000 was spent and we will be getting 20%

\*Bingo Night will happen on Friday night.

- Games, activities and special guest. 41 families are signed up and about 71 students.
- Must read document will go out tomorrow night with instructions on how to use the bingo cards.
- Parents, please log in a few minutes before the 6:30 start time.

Look in the Weekly Highlights for opportunities to participate in events that are of interest to you.

We sent out events from the family resource center because we felt families might be interested in that.

Jason moved to adjourn the meeting.