**Apollo Elementary Site Council Meeting**

**Minutes**

**December 11, 2020**

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 8:03am

**In attendance**: Amita Nair, Amie Ojerio, Laurelle Graves, Sharon Wall, Jennifer Butler, Kristi Hammond, Miryam Christensen, Lauren Suttles, and Jane Harris

**Motion to Approve the December 2020 Minutes**

Meeting minutes approved

**PTA News-**

* **Angel program –** going well, all of the families covered. Multiple drop off times scheduled for donations and gift cards for families in need
* **December event – contest –** pictures/writings with its cold outside theme requested. First week of January – PTA will hand digital prizes out
* **January:** Virtual Talent Show planned
* **February-** Virtual multi- cultural night planned
* **March-** Playground fundraiser planning in progress
* **Art video lessons –** in progress, launch tbd
* **General meeting -** scheduled in January

**School and Administration’s News-**

**Playground –** The School district has approved opening school playgrounds and sports fields. For elementary schools, playgrounds are to be open on the weekends and after school, however BASC is here until 6pm so use will mainly be restricted until weekends until spring and there is more light. Gates to the playground will be open. The gate closest to the neighborhood may stay locked to limit access to outside the local areas. Request from Kristi Hammond to have the back gate unlocked due to ease in getting to the playground/front of school. Parent supervision is requested when children are playing on the grounds. Jane Harris will work with Dave Montalvo to determine safe access measures. Neighborhood parents could potentially limit access to play pods if there are several children wanting to use the playground at once.

**ISF** – ISF has always helped to sponsor our before and after school math/reading programs. For this year, most schools have made the decision to hold off on the program for now so that screen time is not increased and due limited number of teacher volunteers available to teach the program. Apollo will also be placing this program on hold for this year for these reasons.

**Boundary Review committee** – Each principal K-8 is participating in the boundary review committee along with a parent volunteer from Apollo. Tyrell Hardtke is the parent volunteer for Apollo. There are five meetings scheduled for the committee. The boundary changes would not affect Apollo, but would affect Maywood and Newcastle as 90% of these students will go to the new middle school in Talus. We don’t know yet if Newcastle would then come back to Liberty or go to Issaquah HS. This could potentially affect the ASB funding that comes into Maywood, Jane will find out more information as the committee progresses.

**LIVE Remote Learning and Power Outage** – Review District communications regarding the LIVE Remote Learning during winter weather and power outages posted on the ISD website. They were also sent out in the 12/10 Apollo e-news.

**Highly Capable Testing** – There will not be in person or online testing this year, but they are moving to a referral window similar to the fall where students can get nominated for the Highly Capable program for 2nd grade. Referrals are accepted online starting January 13.

**Surveys** – Surveys for both student and parents of 3, 4, 5th graders have gone out. This information will be used for the School Improvement Plan. This parallels the return to school planning as an agreement with IEA was finalized based on the number of cases in a 7 day period at 5% or less. Teachers will have a week to prepare to be back in the building for in person learning.

**Electronic Attestations for Families** – We have now moved to using the Electronic Attestations for families. Apollo is a test pilot site for the attestations due to the LRCII students currently coming in. Families will receive an email each morning to fill out the attestation prior to school. Once school returns, it may help to have parents use name tags as the younger students may forget or not know their names.

**2021 Kindergarten Virtual Open House** – January 13 and 19 at 6:30 to 7:30pm. Jane is planning a zoom meeting with a slideshow with a potential in person walk through over the summer if conditions allow. Kindergarten Registration begins February 1st.

**Materials Distributions**- Scheduled for December 15 & 16, 2020 and January 12 & 13, 2021

**School Improvement Plan for this year** – We do not have data from last year. The last F&P from last year does not necessarily help as it was from last fall along with SBA Data that was not able to be collected. Focus for this year has been on support for students with remote learning. Will use the student and parent surveys to help address having less numerical data. Apollo is not losing Title services and could potentially increase in future years based on student needs.

Without any new business being presented, the meeting was adjourned and Jane thanked the committee members for their work and support!

**Next meeting is March 26, 2021**

**Respectfully submitted by Lauren Suttles**