



Weller PTO Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

- I. Welcome Robyn Bueltel
 - Meeting began via zoom at 7:02pm

- II. Officer Reports
 - A. Secretary – February Minutes Shelley Buch
 - Minutes approved at 7:03pm
 - B. Treasurer Report Ema Lam
 - Ema went over the current financials and reviewed the income and expense items that were incurred since the February meeting
 - Budget was approved at 7:15pm
 - C. Vice President/Principal Report Andrew Boeke
 - Superintendents in Montgomery County meet weekly
 - Working with teachers on trying to find a balance, including both physically and mental health.
 - Goal: engagement of students to some degree and hope that they learn something
 - Grades: Pass/Not Assessed for 4th nine weeks; looking in totality.
 - If they have had a 2/3/4 on progress reports and showing some engagement, they will get a (P) pass.
 - N/A will be given if throughout the entire year and 4th quarter there is no progression or participation for the standard.
 - Maximum goal is to teach new content through recorded videos, or other ways.
 - Trying to make sure kids are staying engaged and active.
 - Questions from PTO Members
 - Is there a plan for personal belongings left at school?
 - Not until after May 1, pending the Governor. Will probably have a plan built in place around his stipulations.
 - 5th graders – might be doing some virtual tours of the middle schools in the classrooms.
 - Might put something in place for incoming 2nd graders over the summer.
 - Do you think the way teachers will teach these last few weeks will be different from how it has been?
 - Mr. Boeke meets with each team once a week
 - If teachers are feeling overwhelmed, they might need to lighten their load for the day.
 - Towards the end of the year when it is usually not super academic – foresee trying to plan to do something fun.
 - There has been talk about ending the year early, but the state says we have to fulfill our schedule

- Can they use hazard days (4) at the end? Not out of the question but we have to be careful because we aren't going back to make this time up – our agreement is we will fulfill our year.
- 5th graders – how do we celebrate?
 - Ideas
 - Depending on summer conditions, maybe a Sky Zone night or Get Air night just for 5th graders.
 - Creating a video of pictures from 5th grade teachers including messages from 5th grade teachers and Boeke and put together in a video to honor 5th graders.
 - Usually play 1 hour video that teachers have created all year long from 5th grade teachers. Swan song from Mr. Boeke. When they come out with their stuff, rest of the kids line hallway and go down hallways through a tunnel cheering them on.
 - Meeting with 5th grade tomorrow – will ask about the video and how far along they are with it.
 - Talks of a parade of some sort if we can't gather still
- 4th and 5th grade split of teachers to departmentalize
 - Before Covid, we had planned to departmentalize with kids having 2-3 teachers.
 - As of now, that is still the plan moving forward but if DeWine says we are moving to a blended model next year, it adds a whole other layer of difficulty to what we are doing. So, we are in a holding pattern for now. We don't know what a blended model would look like (am/pm, every other day, etc). Waiting on details from the Governor to finalize a decision.
 - Working on getting Google doc sent out to parents for end of the year feedback.
- Do teachers have any other additional out of pocket costs with current situation?
 - We are saving money across the board, not a ton, but we are saving because we are using fewer materials (paper, etc.). It's just shifted to the families (printing things at home).
 - We don't know individual family financial situations currently. Might impact next year's fundraiser.
 - Property taxes – a lot of families might not be able to pay this year and will probably be given forgiveness based on situation. This directly impacts the district; even though we passed the levy it might cause us to need to make cuts.
- Managing technology

- School still has some Chromebooks that can be checked out if needed, even if it is just to help manage with multiple siblings needing the technology.

D. President Robyn Bueltel

- Thank you notes shared from students and from Mrs. Quinter's class for the treats, book and movie from winning the reading challenge.
- No Spring Grounds Clean Up
- You can still get box tops credit for grocery purchases made online if you forward your email receipt to receipts@boxtops4education.com

III. Committee Reports

A. Square 1 Art Recap Rachel Casey

- 91 orders, \$3,468.25, 17% participation
- All orders shipped to Rachel's house and as soon as restrictions are lifted we will get them out to people.
- Profit – 33% of gross sales (\$1100)

B. Teacher/Staff Gift Cards Lori Kauffman

- Some other schools have decided not to do it this year because of the economic impact of the current situation.
- 110 families participated last year.
- Do we want to proceed? We could email forms, but we don't want money going one place and forms another place because it gets too confusing.
 - Due to families experiencing financial hardship, we have decided not to sponsor the program this year. Also, with school being closed, it creates logistical challenges that would have made it difficult to organize.
 - We will put something together to communicate with families about other ways they could honor their teachers.

C. Teacher Appreciation Week Dawn Bernal-Bisgaard

- Working on slide show with photos sent in by parents. Will be a PowerPoint.
- Cancelled coffee cart. Discussed having it at the welcome back brunch, but plans are all up in the air.
- Open to suggestions for other virtual teacher appreciation week ideas.
- Vinyl Stickers with Elk Pride you can put on laptops, tumblers, notebooks, etc. were designed and will be given out to teachers in their mailboxes; Mr. Boeke will let teachers know it's from him and the PTO.

D. School Supply Kits Kehny Ekeh

- We don't profit – it's to make things easier on families.
- \$35-\$44 from Friends Office; asking for extended deadline for families to purchase these.
- Talked with other schools and they are still moving forward with school supplies being purchased for families.

E. Weller Scholarship Saras Narayanan

- \$500 scholarship awarded to one Weller alumnus.
- 16 applications received and are scored by Mr. Boeke, Marianne, Nick Seuch, Ema, Shelley, and Robyn.
- Applications accepted through Wednesday, but info has been sent to scorers.
- Scores due back by April 27 and winner will be selected by May 8.

IV. 2020-21 PTO Officer "Elections"

- Motion to approve returning board members for next year at 8:29pm.

V. Open Forum / Announcements

A. No PTO meeting in May; thank you to all committee chairs and volunteers

B. Open PTO Positions:

1. Building Appearance
2. Homeroom Parent Coordinator
3. Hospitality
4. STEAM Night
5. Non-Restaurant Takeovers

VI. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm