

Present: Merrie Hughes, Marian Broadhead, Lizzie Jolley, Deb Gordon. Beth Hartung-Soria, Joseph Nielsen, Stacie. Quentin Hughes, Danielle & Andy Montero. Jessica Hintze, Dawnell Moon, Lindsay Schou, Ashley Moncur

Parents attending: Troy Davis, Heather Hendrikson, Bill Buhler

Call to Order: A motion to approve agenda was made, seconded and passed. A motion to approve the minutes from June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting was made, seconded and passed committee.

Chair report: Merrie deferred to Marian

Principal's report:

Land trust proposed amendments: Marian explained that we are able to amend the plan as needed. She then explained the circumstances and situation with our Art Specialist – Art is not able to be taught as a class during the “soft” closure, After discussions between the Art Specialist and Marian there was an agreement to suspend the instruction for now, This combined some ParaPro's not returning there is funding now available for other purposes. She proposed using the extra funds now available to purchase additional licenses to ST Math to support Math instruction. We have approximately 170 licenses, and Marian proposed purchasing 30 more to give us a total of 200. ST Math is mostly used by Neighborhood classes in grades K-3. Marian answered several questions about who uses the computer programs, how they are used, and the future of the Art Program. Lindsay expressed concern that the Art Program is going away, Marian tried to reassure the Art is still part of the curriculum, but that we need to be sure the teacher feels safe in this current Health Crisis. Troy suggested that there may be “hardware” needs of teachers that would be needed in addition to software.

Marian also suggested that the funds could be used to purchase computers to support instruction that are equipped with the tools (ie. cameras) for teachers to use in implementing online instructions.

Jessica asked that Marian write up proposals with the information/input from this meeting so that we can look them over and make decisions on.

Dawnell asked why the school is having to purchase computers when these should be provide by the District (as is done on other Districts.

Marian said that the funds for computers could come from other places, this

was a way to use the funds in a way that meets the restrictions on the use of Land Trust monies.

Lizzie and Troy asked if Marian would survey the teachers to see what they need in order to teach, Beth and Joseph offered suggestions about what the survey should ask. Deb G. and Lindsay both said “if computers are what are needed, let’s get them. Marian will get a survey out and meet with the Computer Tech to see what computers will be a best fit. Sam H. Said he will ask the District IT department what their plans are for getting teachers the computers they need.

Registration – Marian asked for suggestions on letting families - including Neighborhood families – know about registration is now open and is to be done online. Input was to put a banner up on the fences along 7<sup>th</sup> East, and to make use of lawn signs which can be placed around the neighborhood. Troy said he would put a link to the District site for registration on the Neighborhood chat site.

Registration and Back to School: Beth reported that teachers will be meeting with students one-on-one during the first 2 weeks, and are developing instructional materials for parents on how to use Canvas and other instruction platforms that will be used. Back-to-School night will be held remotely through Zoom with the K-2 Grade on Sept. 2, 3-4 Grade on Sept 3, 5-6 Grade on Sept.4, all between 6-8pm.

Dawnell asked if parents select an option for school that is not their physical school – do those options follow the same track (answer: No. different tracks for the different instructional methods.), are they locked in “forever” (answer: Unknown, but probably not. There would be times when switching would be possible.) Would places be help open for students to return to C&A or ELP if they go to the online track (answer: Yes).

Re-opening plan: Marian reported that the need of students with 504 accommodations, health needs, and those working with specialist teachers will be contacted by the teachers and Marian to determine how to best meet their needs.

## Reports

C&A: Kristie – The one question she had has been answered in our discussion above. She has nothing else to report

ELP: Lizzie – meeting next week to review budget and co-op plans.

NEIGHBORHOOD: Stacie – want to know what a “day schedule” might look like. Sam mentioned that there is a video focused on Elem. Schools that will give an example of how a school day would work. Beth reported that teachers are still working this out, the framework for instruction just came from the District, and teachers will be fitting their teaching and lessons to that framework. Parents desired more equity in online lessons and expectations between programs. Beth responded that teachers are also concerned with the discrepancies and appearance of lower expectations between programs, and they are looking for ways to be more consistent across programs.

PTA Ashley – looking for someone to serve as President. Frist meeting Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

STAFF Beth – Nothing further

OTHER Next meeting Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed.