

Cherry Tree PTO

General Board Meeting



DATE: September 14, 2020, 10:45am

LOCATION: Zoom Virtual Call

CALLED TO ORDER: 10:45am

Attendees

Chris Atkinson, Julie Hollingsworth, Lindsay Blythe, Kristen Morea, Sarah Galante, Chris Atkinson, Rachel Bancroft, Teresa Hurm, Abbe Obszanski, David Glenn, Sara Glenn, Stephanie Abisi, Stacy Swayze, Leah Eckstein, Katie Husak, Megan Droste, Rebekah McDonald, Tabitha Hernandez, Julie Treadmeyer, Nicole Anderson, Ashley Millis, Jessica Stevens, Emily Maslanka, Elaina Rutledge, Sharvari Sule, Amberly Lopez, Louise Whitaker, Laura Cooper, Abi Arazi, Renee O'Neal, Lauren Carter, Jenny Davis, Mike Davis, Angie Marx, Rachel Doyle, Rachel Albert, Jeremy Albert

Welcome

- Welcome to our first Zoom General Board meeting!
- Presidents introduction
- Attendees asked to enter name in the chat for attendance.]

Principal's Report

- 20/21 school year is off to a great start despite many changes.
- Kids are doing well wearing masks
- Running two schools simultaneously (virtual & in person)
- Appreciate the support of parents
- This year's theme is "Diving Deep Into Learning" and is our first underwater theme which is very exciting.
- New staff - Marble & Davis in 2nd grade, Hoehne & Elliott Admin Assistants, and many new IAs.
- Late start days - start time is 8:30am. Extra time is used for teachers' professional development.
- Recess now is 30 minutes per day. Teachers come out 1x per week. Using IAs mainly for recess. Have zones and rotate them for contact tracing.
- COVID 19 has prompted many new safety measures... social distancing, increased sanitation, assigned seating at cafeteria tables, contact tracing, recess changes.
- Learning preference - virtual or in person. Canvas class on Friday 9/18 for virtual families. CTE does have 2 virtual classrooms in both Kindergarten and 2nd grade.
- Canvas - blended learning model. We have a 1:1 ratio now for Chrome Books.

- Quarantine procedures - CCS COVID phone line 317-571-4630. There are COVID links on CCS website. Symptoms have been updated for allergies and asthma. Absences are tracked on a spreadsheet, with an email to teacher and parents with next steps. Tests are coming back faster now.
 - Panorama Survey - social emotional survey for students in grades 3-5. New tool that the district is launching. Students will complete at school.
 - This is the 3rd year for conscious discipline program. Promotes social-emotional learning so students and staff feel safe and ready to learn. School-wide family meetings help with goal setting, celebrating accomplishments, birthdays, new students/staff. Using Zoom now and recorded for virtual families.
 - Carpool is different this year. Have the morning drop off down to 9-10 minutes but longer in the afternoon due to staggered release of students. We are also handling 5x more cars in 3 carpool lines. Increase in bike riders - please don't arrive earlier than 7:45am.
 - Picture Day is tomorrow - fill out electronic form.
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President's Report

- Book Fair - virtual
 - Grandparents - looking at virtual ideas
 - No Cherry Blossom Festival
 - No Elf Workshop
 - Fall Family Fun Night postponed until spring
 - Lego club - on hold for now
 - Media center - can use volunteers and do need help
 - Random Acts of Kindness - honors staff and teachers. 9/21 snack bar in the teachers lounge.
 - Veterans Day - PTO helps support with slideshow. Looking for help with this.
 - District Coordinating Council - Dr. B, school staff and PTO presidents attend. Redistricting update by 3rd party company. Focus groups and planning meetings to occur and plan to get approval prior to second semester. Carmel coat drive to collect coats of all sizes. Carmel Education Foundation provides grants to teachers - sponsors Ghosts and Goblins 5k/2k. This year will be Ghosts and Goblins Go, a family scavenger hunt with options for virtual or in person.
 - Question - A question was asked about classroom volunteers. The classroom coordinators are working on parties. A google form will be sent out for parents to express interest in helping.
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Treasurer's Report

- Rachel provided details of 2020/2021 budget.
- Income and expenses not balanced due to not having Cherry Blossom Festival and having only two fundraisers.

- General Board voted to approve the 2020/2021 budget. Ashley made the first motion, Rachel seconded. No one opposed. Motion was approved.
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Vice President's Report

- Teachers luncheon was successful with box lunches
 - Newcomers committee provided building tours for brand new students
 - Wellness Wednesdays update to come in Chatter
 - 5th grade events and Parents & Pastries are on hold for now
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VP Ways & Means' Report

- Box Tops collection week is coming up
 - 9/30 Chipotle dine out night, can order online
 - Spirit Wear store is open throughout the year as long as inventory lasts
 - Spring Fundraiser - chairs are excited and creative, staying flexible as we don't know exactly how this will play out
 - POPs - male group looking for ways to be involved
 - Kroger and Amazon - link accounts to CTE
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Past President's Report

- Artist in Residence - Art is the focus this year. Looking into options.
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Media Center Report

- Mrs. Lima is going above and beyond in the media center with all the changes.
 - Books are wiped down and then sit in quarantine for a week.
 - Can use volunteers
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