

Webster Elementary School PTA
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PTA Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 16 2020 7:00 pm (via Google Meet)

Present: Chris Chmura, Valerie Jackson, Annie Wilk, Karlee Kerr, Monique Cadoret, Cecilia Morelli, Shelly Pung, Nikki Mehelich, Nirmala Joshi, Sarah Pelletier, David Yuan, Liz Biddle, Christa Huber, Mark Reynolds, Charity Bugosh, Lora Boka, Tracey Schenk, Alicia Densel, Jackie Vine

- I. Call to order, welcome and introductions (Chris Chmura) - 7:12pm
- II. Principal's report (Mrs. Boka)
 - A. ACT-18 started this week with 2 hours in the morning and 2 hours in the afternoon.
 - B. Busy planning and preparing for return to Face-to-Face.
 - C. Trying to collect data from teachers about how virtual meetings are going:
 1. Some tech troubles have been reported; devices swapped out.
 2. Continue to report issue to teachers/Mrs. Boka.
 - D. New Staff:
 1. Ms. Bixler (Family 2)
 2. Ms. Young (Family 2)
 3. Ms. Misenar (Family 3)
 4. Ms. Duffy (School Psychologist)
- III. Review and approval of meeting minutes (All)
 - A. Monique Cadoret made a motion to approve; Karlee Kerr seconded. The minutes are approved.
- IV. Review and approval of 2020-2021 Budget (Monique Cadoret & All)
 - A. Monique presented the 2019-2020 Audit. Chris Chmura made a motion to approve; Karlee Kerr seconded. All in favor; none opposed. The Audit is approved.
 - B. Monique presented a proposed Budget for the 2020-2021 school year
 1. Discussion:
 - a) The Walkathon (our major fundraiser) is usually held in the fall. It has been tabled for now, and we plan to have a major fundraiser in the spring.
 - b) We are still counting on Community Rewards income (Amazon Smile, Kroger, Busch's, etc.).
 - c) We plan to amp up dine-outs and activity nights once conditions allow.
 - d) Holiday Shop (Alicia Densel) - Fun Services is planning a virtual option.
 2. Chris Chmura made a motion to approve the Budget as proposed; Monique Cadoret seconded. All in favor; none opposed. The Budget is approved.
- V. Membership update (Monique Cadoret)
 - A. We currently have 55 members.
- VI. Spiritwear (Valerie Jackson)
 - A. The virtual spirit wear shop is in the process of being updated for the year through Lasting Impressions. Some new products and color options will be added. All orders will be placed on line and shipped directly to customers.

- B. Should be available by early next week.
- VII. Survey results (Chris Chmura)
 - A. We received 81 responses.
 - B. In response to how families would like to be supported, the main responses were connecting with classmates, managing time, resources for well-being, and making sure our teachers are supported.
 - C. In response to how we can help kids, the main responses were social activities, interest in mini-pods, and shared activities that can be done from home.
 - D. In response to how we can help parents, the main responses were keeping up communication and information-sharing, resources for working parents, and advocating to the school board.
 - E. There were also write-in responses about setting up virtual lunchtime meetings that would be similar to enrichments.
- VIII. General discussion
 - A. Mrs. Boka likes the idea of setting up virtual enrichment activities at lunchtime or at other times throughout the day.
 - 1. Christa Huber loves the idea of virtual enrichment options.
 - 2. Annie Wilk also supports virtual enrichment options - enrichments are what her son misses most about attending school.
 - B. Mrs. Boka is recruiting noon monitors. It is a paid position. Hours: 11:15 - 12:45. If interested, email Mrs. Boka.
 - C. The PTA is planning to hold safe and/or virtual activities to keep our families connected. We are aware of how stressful the beginning of this school year has been, so we have held back thus far, but plan to share more information soon.
 - D. Nirmala Joshi reported Chromebook issues - Mrs. Boka asked him to send her an email to set up an exchange. He also asked about opportunities to learn foreign languages - Mrs. Boka said this could possibly be an enrichment option, but the schools have been asked to limit communication from outside clubs, so there is nothing like this at this time.
 - E. Shelly Pung expressed thanks for pushing for a virtual option for Webster.
- IX. Adjournment

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