

May 4, 2020, PTO Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting via Zoom 6:30 pm

Present: Present: Randi Alberino, Marisa O’Leary, Sarah Peterson, Isabel Pipolo, Mia Shervington, David Mauricio, Kristin Jarvis, Eric Rekada, Margery Rossi, Vernita L. Mosley, Jen Carbaugh, Heather Amabile

President’s Report:

- Thank you for attending this virtual meeting.
- The May 16th Saturday Academy will continue as a “virtual” event. The PTO will help advertise on our social media.
- We will also share announcements of the BOE candidates and the upcoming election. The election will take place on June 9th.
- The fact that families can order from Art to Remember will also be shared on our social media.
- Dr. Mauricio offered to share and PTO info/announcements at the Board meeting if we send him some slides.
- Regarding the donation of money to the district for spending on Mi-fi and Scholastic packets: We are still waiting for the final cost amounts. The items will most likely go out in 2 weeks. The 405 students in the district with no internet access will receive Scholastic packages at home. There will be 35 Mi-fi units that will be sent as well.

Treasurer’s Report:

- We are currently only spending money on operational costs.
- As of the end of March, \$6800 has been spent and approximately \$13,000 has been raised.

Superintendent’s Report:

- Dr. Mauricio updated us on the remainder of the school year since it will remain closed. Students will utilize virtual learning where possible.
- A survey will be shared with families regarding mental health, and suggestions for learning virtually.
- A discussion was had regarding the end of the school year. School may end early or have shorter school weeks, depending on the Teacher’s Union.
- Many aspects are being discussed regarding the 2020-21 school year so that preparations can be made. This all depends on Governor Cuomo’s orders.

Officer Elections:

- Although the term for Vice President and Treasurer will end on June 30th, a vote was taken to postpone the election of new officers until schools reopen. If schools do not reopen in September, we will revisit this issue and take a new vote.
- **Isabel will put a notice on the PTO website regarding postponement of the election.**
- Nomination Committee will be, Erik, Margery, and Kristin. They will decide who will be Chair amongst committee members.
- All Committee Chairs, except for Melaine Fuentes who stepped down effective immediately, will remain in their current roles until schools reopen. Mia will step down as Enrichment & Special Events Chair once schools reopen.

Committee Reports:

- **Advocacy:** Margery discussed how more emphasis and attention of this committee will be needed due to the funding situation. We will have to revisit the implications of school funding/budgets frequently. Absentee ballots are being mailed to all registered voters.
- **Class Parents:** The multi-cultural poetry event was canceled. The Class Parent program may be put on hold depending on the situation when schools reopen.
- **Communications:** All information is on the homepage. If you have new info, please email it to Isabel. **Heather will post Art to Remember, and teacher appreciation messages on our social media.**
- **Enrichment/Events:** Committee spent under \$2500 of budget. All stakeholders for planned events that were canceled are still on board to reschedule when possible. Enrichment will look different due to how different the world will look. i.e. assemblies etc.

Liaison to Parent, Family & Community Engagement: not present

New Business:

- We will invite Principals for the first half of our next meeting.

Old Business:

- none

Adjournment: 7:55 pm

Next meeting June 8th at 6:30 pm on Zoom