

Slavens School PTA Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2020

The PTA meeting was called to order on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm via Zoom. In attendance were Katie Ozimek, Meghan Brown, James Urbonas, Tracy Kozak, Kurt Siebold, Amanda Fedje, Kathleen Lukkes, Kristen Wagner, Melissa Hatchett, Meredith Jones, Heather Fortna, Brita Destefano, Annie Burke, Erin Martin, Judy Leuteneker, Mychael Jones, Jesse Feldman, Jen Urbonas, Royce Haynes

- I. Approval of November Minutes/Notes (Katie Ozimek/Meghan Brown)
 - **Approved**
- II. Spring Community & Fundraising Events Update (Katie Ozimek, Amanda Fedje)
 - After meeting with the former auction committee to discuss our options for this year, we determined it is not the right climate to do an online auction this year.
 - Instead of foregoing an event, we would like to do some community building events.
 - Idea #1: virtual wine & beer event featuring a comedian, perhaps in February; This would be an hour long event with the first half hour being a wine & beer tasting, followed by a half hour of comedy. This event would be geared towards adults.
 - Idea #2: drive in movie (location TBD). This event would be geared towards families. We would charge per vehicle and maybe have food available, making sure everything is COVID-safe. We would also have raffle baskets with \$10 raffle tickets.
 - Volunteers are welcome and needed for both events!! We will be splitting the volunteers into groups to work on the different events and would love extra support to get going.
- III. Principal's Report (Kurt Siebold)
 - Kurt wants to make sure everyone is clear on the District's plans and expectations for in-person learning.
 - Elementary school has the ability to be fully back in-person on Jan. 11. Monday, January 4 is a teacher work day and January 5-8 students will be remote. Note that some families have chosen to stay 100% virtual.
 - The plan for Middle School is to resume in-person learning on January 19, but with a hybrid model. We are looking at going back to the AABB schedule for Middle School, where half the class would be in for 2 days a week while the other half live streaming, and the groups would switch on the other 2 days. Fridays would be remote for all middle schoolers. In this scenario, teachers would have half the class in person and half online Monday-Thursday. The District is asking schools to operate at half capacity to allow for safety parameters to stay in place.
 - Susana Cordova is leaving at the end of the calendar year. Dwight Jones will be the interim superintendent. The District will find a permanent replacement over the summer.
 - Budget:

- Kurt has been working on the budget in terms of number of students. The last few years we have had 745-750 students, but this year we had 706. Because of COVID, the District honored our budget based on our projections for this year and not the actual number. We are projecting 745 students for next year, which will work for our current budget without having to make any teacher or staff cuts, but if our numbers dip below 745, we might need to make cuts. Slavens does not generally accept many choice students but it is possible we will need to accept some for next year to keep our overall number at 745. We would like to keep a full complement of 3 teachers at every grade level but the process is a balancing act.
- The District has not said what amount of funding per student will be for next year. Kurt will get a better idea on this in the pre-budget meeting this week.

IV. Treasurer's Report (James Urbonas)

- General donations have been coming in generously.
- Teacher support: We have only used 16% of our budgeted amount for teacher support reimbursement requests, which does not even include the FOSS bonus amounts. We want to remind teachers this money is there for them to use if they need it.
- PTA has funds available if we need to help out with purchasing web cams or other items.

*Notes taken by Tracy Kozak