

## Slavens School PTA Meeting Minutes September 16, 2020

The PTA meeting was called to order on Tuesday, September 16, 2020, from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm via Zoom. In attendance were Katie Ozimek, Meghan Brown, James Urbonas, Tracy Kozak, Kurt Siebold, Alaina Neale, Amanda Fedje, Brita Destefano, Oz Spies, Diane Young, Heather Fortna, Jessica Montgomery, Jen Urbonas, Jesse Feldman, Colleen Domer, Jessica Chancy, Judy Leuteneker, Mihira Rosazza, Miryan Urioste, Mychael Jones, Stephanie Minior, Veronica Elliott, Philip Accas, Stacey Rashti, Molly Navetta, Jennie Buchanan, Liz Doris, Rebecca Dappen, Adina, Tammy

I. Approval of August Minutes/Notes (Katie Ozimek/Meghan Brown)

- **Approved**

II. Principal's Report (Kurt Siebold)

- Middle School:
  - The plan is for MS to do a hybrid model where kids are in-person for 2 weeks, remote learning for 1 week. This needs to be the schedule because teachers can only see two groups of kids and kids can only see four teachers.
  - In 6-8 grades, there are 3 classes, so if one is remote, the teachers can see the other 2 groups with live instruction.
  - Spanish and language arts will be remote. Specials teachers will be remote.
  - The week of remote learning will largely look like what it looks like now.
  - Sometimes teachers who see more than 3 classes will have to teach remote even though the kids are live. This is not the norm but will happen in some instances.
  - There must be a 72 hour break between cohorts so we will likely have remote instruction every Friday for all students in MS.
  - The schedule is still a work in progress.
- We will not be doing a hybrid schedule for elementary. Although the District guideline apply the same in middle and elementary, the hybrid schedule will not work for elementary.
- We know that parents are feeling stressed about the in-person vs. remote decision but we will do our best to support whatever option families choose.
- For elementary, if we have a whole classroom at a certain grade level that opt for virtual learning, we would have to assign a teacher to the virtual class. If we have a situation where 17 Second graders and 13 Third graders opt for virtual learning, we might have a combined 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade remote class. If we have only a few students at each grade level that want virtual, we will make it work in the classroom with live streaming for those few kids. This will be somewhat different for the virtual kids than from the current remote teaching, but we will make it work.
- If a teacher is pulled out to teach virtual, we would have to reassign classes. Not sure if families would be able to change their mind if their current teacher gets pulled off

to teach remote, but Kurt assumes the District would allow us to make some adjustments.

- Before and after school will function as normally do. Discovery Link is going on now from 8 am to noon. When we go back to in-person it will be before and after school with the hours of 6:30 am to 6:00 pm. DL will be outside as much as possible and will follow the required social distancing guidelines.
- We will have plexiglass dividers in a few rooms but not in all the classrooms. Handwashing, masks, and PPE are very helpful in preventing spread.
- The District is providing funding at projected number of students or actual enrollment, whichever is higher, so we are getting funding for the 755 students we projected. This is great news and only applies this year because of COVID.

III. Treasurer's Report/Auction Report (James Urbonas)

- Fun Run is almost nearly to budget which is great.
- Middle School Activity fees have been trickling in but people may be hesitating to send in because it is unclear which activities they will need to pay for.
- Individual donations to PTA have been strong: we budgeted for \$5k and so far we have gotten \$8k only a month in to the school year.

IV. COVID Needs

- PTA will fund door stoppers for bathrooms;
- Plexiglass dividers: Melissa is working with some parents on this and welcomes anyone else who wants to volunteer
- Red Cat audio systems: studies show kids are able to participate and hear teachers better with these and especially this year since all teachers will be wearing masks. PTA is working in conjunction with FOSS to fund these.
- Another potential need is a storage shed. Robin Haller is working on a grant to fund.

V. PTA Membership update (Brita and Amanda)

- We have around 107 memberships. Last year we had 116 total by end of year, so we are doing well so far but would love more people to be involved.
- We are a little low on staff involvement in PTA this year and are trying to rally some staff to be involved this year.
- We are going to try to post more PTA info on Facebook, so please like and follow the Slavens Facebook page

VI. PTA Survey results (Meghan)

- Great feedback and takeaways. Total of 121 survey responses:
  - 98.3% were parents, the other were both parents and teachers;
  - pretty equal across grades;
  - 65% learned about PTA from another parent or school newsletter or flyer app;
  - 83% said felt informed;
  - Around 90% said they felt welcome to attend close
  - 50% said they'd like to help but don't know how

- Suggestion to get rid of membership fees: we could potentially make fees \$6.25, which is what we pay to Colorado PTA. If the amount is an obstacle, families can reach out to Hana Vujeva.
  - Thanks to everyone participating in PTA and we hope all families feel welcome.
  - Speaker series: Meghan would appreciate anyone who wants to help her with this.
    - Alex Yannacone from Univ. of Colorado School of Medicine on Sept. 23: Promoting Mental Health & Resiliency Through Covid. The event is free but donations are appreciated
    - Three more proposed speakers (all virtual) include:
      - Dr. Thomas Hoerr on social and emotional learning (Oct. 22)
      - Dr. Sarah Burgamy on gender identity and sexual orientation; geared toward parents (Oct. 13)
      - Ana Homayoun on social media wellness (Nov. 11)
    - The proposed dates can be moved
    - Vote on fees for speakers: **Approved**
- VII. Fun Run (Mychael Jones)
- Sunday Sept. 20, 9:00 am to 11:00
  - Participants can run one mile or 5k, but everyone will run on their own time;
  - Non-participants are encouraged to cheer on runners
  - We have 2 title sponsors who will be dressed in costume and will give out two \$50 gift cards to whoever finds them first
  - We have 262 runners so far. We normally get around 400, but Mychael will leave registration open through day of run.
- VIII. Golf Tournament Update (Mihira Rosazza)
- We had a great turn out this year and filled all 96 spots
  - Numbers grossed \$13,600 with registration and mulligan purchases; expenses were \$5400 this year; Netted around \$8k
- IX. PTA Needs
- We are looking for someone to oversee all PTA fundraising
  - We need to find a treasurer in training to learn from James who will not be continuing as treasurer next year
  - Our biggest need is an Auction Chair. We are hoping to have auction in April, even if it is online again but we need a volunteer.

\*Notes taken by Tracy Kozak