

Slavens School PTA Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2020

The PTA meeting was called to order on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm via Zoom. In attendance were Katie Ozimek, Meghan Brown, James Urbonas, Tracy Kozak, Kurt Siebold, Timi Biermann, Erin Martin, Cheryl Badger, Amanda Fedje, Brita Destefano, Melissa Hatchett, Amanda Scates-Preisinger, Jesse Feldman, Kate Trujillo, Levent Ayhan, Maria Sadkhi, Nathan Feldman, Rachel Brody, Tammy Alvarado, Philip Accas, Heather Fortna, Miranda Cook, Alicia Becker, Annie Burke, Oz Spies, Diane Young, Molly Berger, Mychael Jones, Zuben Bastani, Stephanie Slaybaugh

- I. Approval of December Minutes/Notes (Katie Ozimek/Meghan Brown)
 - **Approved**
- II. “Auction”/Community Week Discussion (Erin Martin/Katie Ozimek)
 - General PTA needs:
 - Vice President(s) for the 2021-2022 school year. This is a fun job that gets you involved. We welcome co-VPs if you want to work as a team.
 - Corporate Sponsorship chairs
 - Volunteers for community event for the week we would normally have the auction. Everything will be virtual or outside if weather permits.
 - Community Event:
 - We are unable to have our regular auction this year but would still like to have an event for the Slavens community. We are looking to have a week of spirit where community members can participate and donate to Slavens if they would like. The week would be about doing something nice for the community with acts of kindness and bringing people together.
 - There will be a small auction component if possible, and Sara Tierney and Tom Moore are both willing to help with this.
 - Anyone interested in helping is welcome. If anyone is seasoned in social media/communications and would like to help, please contact Sara or Erin.
- III. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee Proposals (Miranda Cook & Amanda)
 - DEI is excited to lead a group of parents who are looking at how to continue to improve in this area and make Slavens a better community. DEI has taken an approach this year of working with 4 target populations: 1) Administrative team; 2) Teachers; 3) Parents/Caregivers; 4) Students.
 - DEI is in ongoing conversations with Kurt and Darcy to develop more transparency around diversity issues with parents and teachers/Admin team.
 - Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI): PTA is funding IDI for the entire Slavens staff and this will take place in February.
 - Parent/Caregiver community and Students – 2 upcoming opportunities:
 - IDI: a small group of parents can participate in the IDI assessment along with the staff.
 - Workshop series:

- DEI is developing a 4-part workshop series for the Slavens community, including staff and parents. The workshops will focus on understanding bias, talking about race with kids, developing primary skills and doing so in way that is relationship building. DEI is looking to offer one workshop with parents and students as an intergenerational opportunity.
- DEI is requesting PTA funding for the workshop series. Total cost is \$2,500 and DEI is asking PTA for \$1,250 to help cover costs. Would like 40 people total for the workshop series and charge around \$50 for all 4 workshops. PTA funding will help subsidize cost for those who cannot afford the fee.
- Motion to approve \$1,250 for the workshops coming out of the Staff Development line item in budget: **Approved**

IV. Speaker Update & Vote (Meghan Brown)

- Meghan wanted to check in with the Slavens community on the parent speaker series and whether to continue with this. The feedback has been good and there were no objections to continuing with it. Meghan has three potential speakers lined up for the rest of the year, including one speaker who will talk about racial diversity.

V. Treasurer's Report (James Urbonas)

- PTA approved funding and teachers received 9 monitors and 8 web cams.
- We had two restaurants nights (Mod Market and Chipotle) and both exceeded the amount we budgeted for them.
- The 8th graders held a successful t-shirt sale to help raise money for Continuation.
- In these tough times Slavens has done some outside of the box things to pay for our needs and we should be proud of the results.

VI. Principal's Report (Kurt Siebold)

- Two teachers are retiring after this year (unrelated to COVID):
 - Killy Foster
 - Tori Miller (7th grade science and math) is expanding her family business and will be devoting herself full time to that.
- Middle schoolers are very happy to be back in-person. We chose to bring all middle school grades back at the same time but using the hybrid model and we think middle school will be hybrid for the rest of the year. It is possible we could start having middle schoolers come in on Fridays in a rotation between the hybrid groups.
- Some of the neighbors around the school have seen driveways being used for turnarounds, cars blocking driveways and people doing U-turns. We need to be aware of this and do better.

*Notes taken by Tracy Kozak