

Slavens School PTA Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2021

The PTA meeting was called to order on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm via Zoom. In attendance were Katie Ozimek, Meghan Brown, James Urbonas, Tracy Kozak, Melissa Hatchett, Brita Destefano, Erin Martin, Heather Fortna, Jesse Feldman, Kathleen Lukkes, Molly Berger, Angie Hendricks, Oz Spies, Diane Young, Stephanie Slaybough, Philip Accas, Nathan Feldman

- I. Approval of February Minutes/Notes (Katie Ozimek/Meghan Brown)
 - **Approved**
- II. Slavens Community Week Discussion (Erin Martin)
 - Trying to keep it simple but enough sustenance to keep people engaged
 - Sarah Tierney working on getting details into online marketplace
 - We'll continue to push out info to community through the different ways
 - Money asks for Community Week:
 - \$5,000 for a socks fundraiser that Diane Young is heading up. We will be selling socks for \$10-12 per pair. \$5,000 is the upfront cost but we will make the money back through the sale. These make a great gift! Middle schoolers created designs for the socks and will be voting on which style will be sold.
 - \$2,000 to celebrate and recognize the teachers week and for a small memento for each student (possibly a pennant) from the week. Crown Trophy is generously providing everything at cost – huge thanks to Mychael Jones and family!
 - Auction has line item in budget of \$35,000 so fine to use \$7,000.
- III. Treasurer's Report (James Urbonas)
 - Nothing to report
- IV. Principal's Report (Melissa Hatchett)
 - 8th Grade trip to Camp Cheley in Estes Park:
 - We are waiting to hear back from Camp Cheley with pricing and once we know the costs we will figure out which families already paid from last year and any reimbursements that must be refunded for overpayment.
 - We will take buses or parents can drive; rock climbing,
 - We are looking at the week of May 10, and the trip will be for 3 or 4 days
 - Camp Cheley has some lodging and some families may choose to stay in hotels nearby.
 - With COVID, we have no policy on attendance for the trip this year and it will be up to each family whether their student goes. Families have options around whether kids will attend and for how many days, if the student will take the bus and stay in the housing at the camp, etc. If the student does not come at all, they will not be going to school during the days of the trip.

- CELP: For current 7th graders, we have reserved Nov. 15-19 at CELP. We will have a parent meeting to discuss CELP trip on March 25. We will be collecting \$1200 for that trip, which was the cost last year.
- Teacher vaccines: Because many people feel sick after the second vaccine shot, teachers will be having an asynchronous day to plan ahead. All of staff who were supposed to have their second shots this Sunday were moved to next Sunday, so some teachers will be out Monday. You should receive communication on this from individual teachers.
- After spring break the restrictions for COVID will be loosened a bit.
 - Elementary will be able to go to specials in person.
 - Middle School: 6-8 grades will attend Monday-Friday in person
 - 6th Grade will leave at 1:05 pm and have electives online in afternoon
 - 7th and 8th Grades will leave at 1:10 pm and have electives online in afternoon
 - Melissa will send out email with details on scheduling changes
 - Students who have chosen 100% online option will be put into the same homeroom so teachers can just stream one class.
- CMAS:
 - 96% of school opted out; 26 kids will be taking the tests in grades 3-6.
 - Classes will go on as normal and kids taking tests will be pulled starting April 12 to start testing
 - Testing kids will miss some class time but will not be required to make up work.
- Say Something Week:
 - Next week we will participate in Say Something week, which stems from a group from Sandy Hook Elementary. The group is trying to gather communities across the country to bring awareness to the fact that school shootings and suicides often come with warnings. Four out of five school shooters have told people about their plan beforehand. We will focus on taking care of other people and yourself and urging kids to speak with trusted adults. Go to SandyHookPromise.org for more details.
 - A group of 4th grade girls are trying to raise \$150 for the Denver Rescue Mission so we will have a pajama day to raise money where students can pay a quarter to wear their PJs.
- We are currently interviewing for:
 - 6th grade math: Cheri Hanna is retiring. We held a round of interviews last week and had several good candidates. We will follow up with 2 out of 5.
 - New 7th grade math/science teacher
 - Half time special ed teacher

*Notes taken by Tracy Kozak