



PTG Back to School Meeting

Monday September 21, 2020

Meeting held via Zoom- 9:30 am

Attendees: Janene Keegan, Bernadette Flynn, Laura Feller, Laura Massaro, Tina Zarro, Linda Silver, Alison Hazut, Suzanne Adelhardt from Septo, along with West Side PTG Members (50 participants) via Zoom,

Approval of Minutes from 3.9.20 & 5.27.20: Edina Bobelian & Heather Young approved minutes

Intro of Board

Apparel Sales - Woodbury Sports:

- Within 10 days of close of shop orders will be ready.
- Magnets & lanyards will not be produced.
- Edra Tepper will continue with apparel.

Class Dues:

- Still collecting, a few delinquent

FALL FESTIVAL:

- Still continuing with a few changes - kids will move from station to station outside as part of classes over 2 days
- PTG Board will be the working committee for the Fall Festival
- Full remote will be involved

PHOTO DAY:

- Will happen!

VP UPDATES:

- Thank you to committee chairs and committees.
- If you have a change in ability to volunteer, please email the chairs.

BUDGET: TINA ZARRO

- Mural painting, PTG funds & District funds for cultural arts.
- Teacher stipend money for classrooms - \$100 for each teacher, will increase that this year.
- Ted Hilton Scholarship/William Nichols Award scholarships to 2 alumni.
- Expecting to spend roughly \$36,000 - will adjust down according to how year goes.

- Apparel Sales Fundraiser - Edra - Wed school spirit
- Every bit of fundraising helps PTG to have activities for kids.

SEPTO: SUZANNE ADELHARDT

- Help kids start to get organized home & school - zoom info posted in chat
- Tomorrow am Back to School 101 Zoom with Dennise Campbell
- Oct meeting - parent perspectives
- csh.ptg@gmail.com

MRS HAZUT:

- Thank you to PTG - the balloons & flowers matter, tee shirts are helpful, kids & teachers are wearing them.
- Re-opening went smoother with tech procedures in place.
- Parents are reading & understanding posted information
- Arrival & dismissal are working well, going faster & smoother.
- Teaching & learning going well but there are issues.
- Tech is coming together, kids are engaged.
- Mindful of screen time
- If parents have tech issues, can call & tech team will help - District will set up a help desk to help parents with tech issues. Hope to have this info by back to school night.
- Kids were a little shocked when first starting - hard to read kids with masks.
- At end of week kids seemed happier & excited. Kids are resilient.
- Kids are outside a lot - eating, recess, classes, reading & writing, snacks.
- Recess- mask wearing outside - games w 12 feet apart because of heavy breathing & sweat
- Kids play games - foursquare, newcomb, play gym but wearing masks.
- Masks breaks - go to table, take break, sanitize & then re-join.
- Kids want to mix cohorts, kids are trying to rotate. Not mixing cohorts yet. See friends from other classes. Concern that kids want to mix, 1 of 2 boys only in class, can cohorts mix? Mixing must be safe - decision will be made District-wide as to mixing cohorts. Mrs Hazut will bring up to Mrs Massimo and Mr. Bongino.
- Kids are negotiating and figuring things out together.
- Kids eat outside by airplane wing.
- Concern that the bus company is still running the route everyday, even on virtual days - Mrs. Hazut will reach out to Jean Luna at Transportation.
- Kids on bus - remind kids to spread out.
- Windows should be kept open on the bus.
- Remote only learning - still working on the program - figuring out time to schedule time with kids & teachers for just full remote groups a few times a week. Kids need solid time with teachers & need to be in group of kids on same level.
- Back to School Night - grade level based. There may be break out rooms. Teachers working in teams across the classes.
- Question about when printing out assignments the night before - how to know what will be used in class & what will be sent home? Difficult for teachers to give assignments out ahead of time.
- Questions about specials & work being done in school or at home.

- Weekly schedule is constant.
- Pick up & drop off for fully remote kids.
- Janene Keegan - questions about re-opening 5 days directed at Julie Starrett - what is going to happen? what is the plan? Julie responded that will be watching over the next couple of weeks to see how things are going locally & regionally, dealing with metrics.
- Challenges acknowledged by Mrs. Hazut for K & 1st grades.
- Hybrid model being assessed, balance out health guidelines - Mrs Hazut would love all the kids back.
- Bring everyone back with 6 feet - break classes in 2 parts but then there's staff issues - would specials teacher then teach ½ class?
- Concern raised that full time, full capacity classes have Covid cases, Mrs Hazut - 10% has Covid - Covid cases have been at middle & high school levels. Jr/Sr High is a different scenario.
- WSS has highest % of remote learners with 30 kids.
- If all kids go back will some parents pull kids?
- It's been challenging for teachers to integrate 2 groups.
- 9.29.20 BOE Work Session will propose a plan for full return
- Agenda & minutes from BOE work sessions and meetings are published on District website.
- Teachers need support w more remote learners - different.
- Mrs Hazut's goal is to be in the classroom as much as possible.
- BOE survey before meeting so they take into consideration what parents wish.

Meeting ended at 10:53 am.