

PTA Council Virtual Meeting

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

Attendance: Cathy Kedjidjian, Rebecca Richards, Katie Ahmed, Beth Conlon, Shiva Mohsenzadeh, Alisa Cios, Nicole Carlson, Crosbie Lind, Cori Mohr, Dana Doffin, Jennifer Jarosick, Scott Nelson, Selene Stewart, Julie Moon

Roll Call and Introduction: 10:20 am

Called to order: Beth Conlon brought the meeting to order
Approval of May and July minutes: Shiva Mohsenzadeh

Cathy Kedjidjian:

- Really awesome to see kids in buildings
- Teachers and kids SO happy
- Easing in has been a nice way to acclimate
- Check in process has gone smooth
- No problems with mask wearing
- No problems with social distancing
- In person experiences have gone great
- Fully recognize the challenges that families are facing

Alisa Cios asked: How did you determine time slots for in person meeting?

Cathy K: dictated by the transportation in order to get 3 shuttles

Jennifer J asked about the low numbers on the bus

Cathy said they are aware that many people aren't riding the bus

Cathy K: Crossing Guards out all day. Huge Kudos to to the village for making that happen!

Beth C asked: safety video and safety talk, is it worth kids missing class work

Cathy K: they don't want kids to miss out on instruction, district is reassessing the best way to deal with middle school. Updates coming this week.

Kath A asked: When they go Hybrid, what happens for the 3 days kids are home?

Cathy K: They are fine tuning details now

Crosbie L: praised teachers, but concerned about the disconnect if/when we go Hybrid

Nicole C echoed the same

Alisa C: zooms are successful, lots of positive feedback

Cathy K: Full steam ahead, continuing to watch COVID numbers and talking to the Cook Co Dept. of Public Health, working to have a clear metrics to move from one learning environment to another

Cathy K: we are watching and learning from other districts

Shiva: How many chose GOAL?

Cathy K: GOAL is our biggest school at 22%. Easier to switch from remote to GOAL. GOAL numbers may go up. Can't switch from GOAL to remote

Jennifer J: How many are taking advantage of in person opportunities?

Cathy K: did not have that data, but the district does have it and she will get back to us

Alisa C: How are we meeting special student services requirements?

Cathy K: we will have to check with Mary Gerahty

At 10:52 we heard from **Selene Stewart, Guest Principal from Hoffman**

- Nervous excitement across the board
- Approx 80 kids per group
- Placing 6ft social distancing sticker spots all over
- Lots of first day feels over and over this year

Nima: BPAC parents are struggling w/ Zoom and tech, Mongolian parents find in person meetings more valuable

Cathy K: working to get translate tool on website, captioning videos

- ESL on zoom - trying more in person
- Website will have a tech hub parents can click on and learn about Schoology, seesaw, etc.
- iPad 101
- Parent Tech Night

Shiva, legislative: more balanced history about our past, looking into equality with broad band access

Nicole C: Gelfand Fund (formerly) now Foundation, Growing Tree fundraiser at the Glen, social workers have gift cards and vouchers to give students what they need

Beth: Is the PTA comfortable to promote Gelfand since they are now a foundation?

The PTA can not raise money for a non-profit. It is confusing to families

Cathy K: The approach the district is taking- “the foundation is new, so educate people about what the Gelfand Foundation is”

Educate to clear up confusion

Julie, GEF: How to fundraise?, How to do events?, still doing Jan. 30 Trivia Night

Cori M, student needs: help parents navigate, and parent liaisons

GBS: no update

Cluster Updates

HE/HO:

Nicole: teacher treats, signs, figure out room parents, LRC is working on ways to get books to kids, GPL will offer access to unincorporated View

LY/PR:

Crosbie: dropped off tumblers to all staff, kicked off community virtual walk, still deciding about virtual book fair, working on room parents (not exactly sure what they will do this year)

WB/GG

Jenny and Kate: membership raffle going on, teacher raffle to get teachers to join the PTA, room parents still evolving, October- United Nations Day celebration post videos/virtual International night

SPAT

Alisa: Pam Paradise made Welcome Back Banners, still working on Fall Online Anderson book fair, member hub for membership and spirit wear

Open Issues:

- Thank You Ad
- Share on Social Media
- Local Business that support PTA
- Personal Thank you notes

Items to follow up on:

- LRC follow up on eBooks
- Next meeting at 9:30

Beth Conlon: meeting adjourned 11:55 am

Meeting notes submitted by Rebecca Richards, Secretary