

Mount Vernon Exploratory PTO Executive Committee

Minutes of Meeting

September 23, 2020

Board meeting took place via Zoom due to Covid-19

OFFICERS PRESENT: Jennifer Puryear, President; Meredith West, Past President; Elene Garrison, Vice President; Emileigh Greene, Treasurer; Anne Marie Braham, Secretary; Jennifer Westbrook, Principal; Rebecca Fisher, Assistant Principal; Jill Borg, Teacher Representative

- I. CALL TO ORDER: The President, Jennifer Puryear, called the meeting to order.
- II. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES AND BOARD APPROVAL: Meredith gave the 1st motion to approve the minutes from August 4, 2020; Elene gave the 2nd motion. All votes in favor of approval.
- III. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:
 - a. In-Person & Virtual Update:
 - i. 607 enrolled: 520 in-person and 87 virtual (about 14%)
 - ii. Our first 4 weeks of school have gone well thanks to our staff, students and parents! Our biggest adjustments have been made to arrival, breakfast, lunch, dismissal and transitions. Teachers and staff are working hard to keep everything clean and everyone safe.
 - iii. Thank you, PTO, for your tremendous support! We appreciate the wipes and \$1000 for the classroom barrier screens. We also loved our pre-planning lunch and Wonderful Wednesday lunch today!
 - iv. We continue to work on the following safety goals on a daily basis: temperature checks, face coverings, hand washing and social distancing.
 - v. Teachers are completing beginning of the year math and reading assessments to plan for instruction and differentiation. Blended learning is going well when students need to make the shift for absences.
 - vi. Continuing our phase-in plan of school-wide enrichment areas:
 1. Connections
 2. Media center
 3. Counselor/guidance
 4. Playground
 5. Ice cream
 6. Planning for future: News Crew/TOME/Lego, Families, PBL Digital Showcases
 - vii. We will have completed 29 homeroom admin. class visits (Zooms) for in-person and virtual learners by the end of this week.
 - b. Other Updates
 - i. Weekly communication – re-established with grade level/classroom and school newsletters – other messages will be communicated as needed
 - ii. Current service learning project – coin collection for Rally Foundation

- iii. Monday, October 12 – student/teacher holiday
- iv. Tuesday, November 3 – teacher workday
- c. District guidance on fundraising
 - i. Online fundraisers encouraged
 - ii. Fun runs may be allowed with stipulations for social distancing (currently one class at a time) and limits on external personnel.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. TREASURER’S REPORT: Emileigh presented a proposed budget for 2020-2021. The Board will review and vote at a later date by email.
- b. BOOSTERTHON/FUNDRAISER
 - i. Jennifer Puryear emailed with Corley Bell, Client Care Manager for Boosterthon regarding rescheduling the Fun Run for an agreeable alternative date and applying our \$2,000 deposit to the rescheduled event. Corley acknowledged our inability to make decisions about fundraising at this time, but asked to stay in touch on a monthly basis to see how things are going at MVES and once we have more information on the school year, Boosterthon will discuss moving the Fun Run to the Spring or postponing until Fall 2021.
 - ii. Done in a Day / One and Done option explored as an alternative fundraiser for this year.
- c. SPIRIT WEAR: Allison Yeomans has an itemized inventory of shirts from last year to be sold. The Board will try to arrange for the sale of t-shirts online. If online sales aren’t an option, consider a preorder with pre-payment by Venmo and allow teachers to hand out the shirts to students.
- d. WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY: Chick-fil-A donated food for Wonderful Wednesday today. Thanks to Claire Shoemaker and Brittany Pittman.
- e. BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION: The Board agreed to provide \$10 gift certificates for bus driver appreciation, and will also include Ms. April, traffic director.
- f. WELCOME LETTER: Jennifer Puryear will send to Jennifer Westbrook to review.

Submitted by Anne Marie Braham, Secretary