



08/19/20 PTU Minutes

Call to order: President Liz Berns

- The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm
- There were 14 members in attendance

Treasurer's Report

- Working on getting this year figured out as far as the budget.
- No fun fair last year, so decreased revenue
- Enhanced teacher grants
- Purchased water bottled for all students
- Have received funds for Box Tops and Hy-Vee receipts
- Store fundraisers- Runner's Flat, Beautiful Mess

Principal's Report

- Mr. Ortman talked about the new bottle fillers purchased by the district and PTU. The PTU also purchased water bottles for each student.
- No back to school night this year. Students may bring supplies over several days if needed.
- Signs will be set up to help direct students to their classrooms. Staff will also be available.
- Lunch will be eaten in the classroom for at least the first 2 weeks. Administrators will meet after 2 weeks to re-evaluate how things are going.
- PE- students will not need to wear masks when they are running around and moving or when they can maintain 6 feet.
- Students and staff will be encouraged not to hug. This will be discussed with them and alternatives will be discussed with students.
- Students will have social-emotional learning lessons at least weekly in addition to guidance lessons provided by Mrs. Barry. Staff members have received the 7 Habits training. Part of this focuses on self-care.
- Students and staff will have opportunities to have face masks.
- Recess: will be done as a grade level. Kids will need to wear masks if standing around talking. They can take them off if they are running around, etc.
- Class sizes: we will have around 400 students meeting in person. Class sizes will be lower. K: 21, First: 24, Second: 18, Third: 17, Fourth: 21, Fifth: 18, Sixth: 19
- 6 feet between students in the classroom is impossible even with reduced class sizes. We are doing our best to get students as far away from each other as possible.
- Desks have been purchased for K-2 classrooms to help with social distancing.
- No visitors past the office. Parents can still come into the office in limited numbers at a time as needed.
- Morning entry; PK-1 will enter through the outside classroom doors. 2-6 will come through the easy parking lot, front entrance, and door by the K-1 playground. No morning recess. Students will go directly to their classrooms at 8:30am.
- Parents who come to pick up their kids with younger kids can still have the younger children play on the playground. However, keep in mind that playground equipment will NOT be sanitized. Students will wash their hands both before and after going outside.



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- Quatsan is the sanitizer being used in the classrooms. It is supposed to be food safe.
- Some students will have trouble keeping their masks on. We will need to practice grace and understanding as we teach students to wear their masks as directed. If a student has a chronic issue, their family will be called in to create a plan.
- The east parking lot is switching directions due to more parents dropping off and picking up their children. The signage has been changed and additional signage has been posted to make people aware.
- Brian will try to send out a weekly newsletter to parents at least to start the year so parents can have updates of changes.

Teacher's Report

- Mrs. Barry talked about how we can help kids as they return to school.
- There will be a variety of emotions and behaviors among children as they return to school
 - Might change eating or sleeping habits, trouble falling asleep or staying asleep, becoming more quiet or withdrawn, being clingy, restlessness, grumpiness, acting out, regulating emotions, refusal to come to school, complaints about physical aches and pains, asking lots of questions.
 - Talk with kids about how they're feeling about coming back to school.
 - Stay positive when you talk about your kids coming back to school.
 - Model self-care and continue to stay active in school events- this models behavior for children and helps you and kids stay connected.
 - Teach children that teasing related to having COVID is not acceptable.
 - Start practicing routines to help students transition back to school.
 - If there are changes at home, it would be helpful to let the school know (if you are comfortable sharing).
 - Be forgiving, have grace and flexibility.
 - Explain to children that their feelings are normal. Listen to what they have to say.
 - Talk to children about the positive things that are happening during their school day.
 - Ask: How do you feel? What do you need? How can I help you?
 - Give children a few weeks to adjust to changes.
 - Help children understand that being sick doesn't mean they have COVID.
 - Mrs. Barry has reached out to the online teachers to help support those students.

Old Business

- Business/store fundraisers: Snowcones, Runner's Flat: around \$180, Beautiful Mess \$600
- Hy-Vee Receipts: December 3rd is the first deadline
- Reminder: Box Tops have started to go online. You use an app to scan your receipts.
- We need someone to step up to be President, Treasurer, and Vice President next year. We also need volunteers to organize Fun Fair starting next school year.



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New Business

- Yearbooks have been printed and picked up. They will be distributed to students.
- Online vendor fundraiser this fall. An opportunity for parents and teachers with businesses to sell their items and donate a portion back to the school.
- The hospitality team will be run by: Rebecca M, Christina G, Stephanie S.
- School supply drive: 8/20, and 8/22
- Spirit Wear- want to have the order form out the 2nd week of school
- Trying to figure out how to do a Read-a-Thon this year. It is planned for October. More info to come on this!
- Fun Fair: We will not be able to hold the October Fun Fair. We will hold our Fun Fair, as usual, the first Friday in May.

Next PTU Meeting will be...

- September 15th at 7pm. This will be a virtual meeting.