

## **General Meeting Minutes**

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February 24, 2021, 5:30 p.m. | *Meeting called to order by* Linwood Hudson @ 5:31 pm

### **In Attendance**

#### **Executive Board Members**

- Linwood Hudson, President
- Nichole Marsden, Vice President
- Debbie Nichols, Secretary

#### **Guests**

- Amanda Weidner, BMS Principal
- Karen Jones

### **Minutes Review**

The minutes from the January Board Meeting were reviewed by all present, and Lindsey Fox motioned to approve. Karen Jones seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved as written.

### **Financial Review**

Linwood Hudson reviewed the Budget Progress Report. There was little spending this past month. We've received 75% of our corporate donations, and families have been very generous to meet requests. Purchases were made for Project Lit Books, items for 7C pod, and the basketball team. There are some student initiatives to discuss that will involve spending toward the end of the year.

### **Principal Update**

Ms. Weidner thanked the PTO and the parents for all the support.

-We are at the midpoint of the nine-week period. The quarter ends on March 24.

- Information will be sent out soon regarding course registration for current sixth and seventh graders and rising high schoolers.
- Fall sports are underway, and the first competition took place (volleyball game).
- The school board voted on February 23 to send children back to school full-time, four days per week. Students can choose to return to the school building or remain completely remote beginning March 8.
- Extra mitigation will be put into place to protect students. In classrooms where children cannot socially distance, plexiglass barriers will be put in place, and, in certain situations, students will be required to wear face shields in addition to masks.
- Students will eat in classrooms, maintaining six feet of space between individuals. Tented outdoor spaces will be set up to accommodate some outdoor eating. Kiosks will be set-up to avoid long lunch lines.
- Every student will be issued a face shield, and extra shields will be available. Face shields will be required in the hallway and in some bus and classroom situations.
- Once families choose if their student will attend remotely or in-person, change will be permitted if possible, but discouraged.
- At this time, the school will try to cover needs without requesting parent volunteers.
- Lockers are not being used this year to discourage students from gathering.
- Ms. Weidner encouraged parents to ask questions at any time and proposed that the PTO could collect questions.
- A final daily schedule will be provided soon.

## **Teacher Update**

Karen Jones provided a brief teacher update.

- Karen encouraged the sharing of kindness to the teachers in the form of positive words, notes, etc.

## **PTO Business**

Linwood Hudson reviewed ongoing PTO business.

Upcoming Hospitality:

- A Snack Bar is planned for this Friday, February 26. Lunch time for teachers begins at 10:20, so snacks and beverages will be set up by that time. We received parent donations, as well, so Debbie Nichols and Nichole Marsden will see if additional items need to be purchased in addition to the items donated by parents.
- It has been a very difficult year for teachers, so it's important to let them know how much we appreciate the enormous amount of effort and time that teachers have invested. Ms. Weidner will consider some options for Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Helen Fotinos suggested two possible options for Teacher Appreciation Week that were employed by Margaret Beeks Elementary: (1) Each teacher received a car wash and (2) each teacher was called to the office to choose a gift card from a variety.

- Real Life Dental donated a large number of gift cards to be used in the monthly teacher raffles.
- Ms. Weidner suggested making a funny T-Shirt available to teachers, staff, students, and families. A contest may be a possibility for the students to submit artwork to be used on a T-shirt or vinyl stickers.

#### Funding Requests:

- Coach Underwood put in a request for volleyball equipment totaling \$994.
- A teacher requested a standing desk at a cost of \$300.
- One of the sixth-grade teams requested up to \$100 to spend at Oriental Trading to be used as incentives to reward students.
- A motion to approve the three spending requests was made by Nichole Marsden. Lindsey Fox seconded the motion, and it was approved.
- Ms. Weidner will go back to the teachers to see if there is additional need prior to the March PTO meeting.

#### Brainstorming Student Activities:

- Those present discussed options for initiatives to appreciate students (attachment).

Meeting adjourned.