

**Forest View Elementary  
Virtual PTA & Steering Team  
October 12th, 2020  
MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE: On file with Steering Team**  
**MEETING VIDEO: On file with Steering Team**  
**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:03 p.m.**

**Welcome - Liz**

**Approval of August Minutes - Liz**

Reviewed on the screen and link submitted via chat  
Motion to approve minutes by Rhonda Faircloth and properly seconded.  
Minutes approved by visual vote.

**Treasurer report- Brian**

Shared Treasurer Report and document will be posted on PTA website  
Money Market has \$5000 and it is our Emergency Reserve  
We have \$17,000 on hand currently for this year.  
Budget was approved last meeting and we will re-visit in December or January  
Funds have begun to come in for the UnFundraiser but we did budget less for this year.

Expectations about support for requests:

- Increased media and technology budget. Please coordinate those request with Mr. Sennett and Ms. Stone
- Class room teacher support (\$100 block grant) - Link to reimbursement request in Treasurer's Report
- Other instructional support was also increased but if you are requesting funds for schoolwide items please coordinate with Mr. Clay and Ms. Stone

**Unfundraiser- Liz**

Launched last week. Our goal is \$17,000. Will continue for a month.  
Raised over \$2600 so far!  
<https://forestviewpta.net/unfundraiser/> Can donate online or mail in to the school.

**Staff Grants - Liz**

We have \$3500 to distribute.  
We could award \$2000 now and reserve \$1500 for January?  
I have heard now is as good a time as any but some teachers encourage splitting.  
Liz asked teachers for comments via email.

**DPS Focus Groups around re-entry - Liz**

Information from the ABC Science collaborative meeting. ABC is a group of local doctors advising DPS on safe reopening. you can submit questions at <https://tinyurl.com/y6eulbxm>

They discussed positivity rates and how Durham's is around 5% and that other counties with slightly higher rates have had successful openings.

Mass, random testing was also discussed and the group does not think that is effective or a good use of resources.

HVAC systems were also discussed and the group says there is no definitive data that says overhauling the HVAC system is that effective against the virus. Wearing a mask is more important than overhauling HVAC systems. DPS is putting in better filters and increasing outside airflow.

The group also stated that small group size is not as important as the replication rate in a community. But they did recommend cohorts of 10 to 15 kids at least 3 feet apart.

ABC Collaborative is recommending more nurses but there still will not be enough for each school. Nurses will rotate and there will also be a hotline for schools to call when immediate support is needed.

Vaccine time line is much further away for students than the earliest timelines because kids will get any vaccine last because they cannot be tested on children until proven safe in adults.

Interventionist/Specials can travel to different cohorts if needed but should stay far away from the group when meeting with them.

It looks like DPS will have to rotate students on Plan B because only 6800 or DPSs 32,000 students registered with Ignite. Ignite option might be re-opened in November but with so many students electing to go back to school DPS will likely need to rotate students on schedules because of the number.

Question - When they discussed not doing five days a week was it because of high schoolers or was it because even with elementary school kids there was not enough space?

Answer - The sense we got was that it was because of the number of elementary and middle school students that want to return to school.

#### **PAAC update-Tony** <https://forestviewpta.net/paac/>

Updated info about PAAC on our PTA website under the “About” and “PTA Committees”.

PAAC's stand for

- Culturally Responsive Pedagogy
- Rigorous Curriculum
- Teacher Diversity

There is interest from parents but many have also stressed how stretched thin they are.

Will work with FVE staff and Durham PAAC to present “*State of Black Students @ FVE*”

#### **Virtual room parents- Liz**

We are looking into this. Ways parents might be able to help:

- Plan a fun zoom activity once a month on Wed or Fridays during flex times.
- Read stories with small groups while the teacher is working with other groups.
- Coordinate weekend zooms for kids to just meet and chat

Positive responses in the chat from teachers about this idea. Also many nods in agreement from teachers.

#### **Virtual gourd contest-**

Working out logistics of gathering submissions, will share more info via the PTA newsletter and FB next week. Sign up for news letter (<https://tinyurl.com/y56ujkvm> )

**SUGGESTION:** Teachers suggested using Specials Seesaw for the gourd contest.

## Principal Updates

The number of students in Ignite Online will determine what re-entry looks like. We need to know the numbers of students that will be in the building.

The previous the plan of having older elementary kids in a different location ran into resistance so we are not sure yet what this plan will look like.

We do know lunch would be in classrooms, students would move less during the day and adults would move more.

Question: Is it possible to have a FVE info session about Ignite for Spanish speaking families?

Answer: It is a good idea. We had our first virtual session for Spanish speaking families and we will try again. Our first attempt had a low turnout but we will continue.

**SUGGESTION:** Send information about the sessions out through the classroom teacher. Parents seem to be most responsive to those email announcements.

There is going to be a schedule change based on the survey responses. The result was two major changes for FVE.

- Common lunch time for all DPS families and staff (11:45a to 12:45p) begins 10/20/20
- Update to Wellness Wednesday expectations. Asynchronous learning and time to catch up, no new academic work.

Rhonda Faircloth: We reduced screen time for K-2 classes. Added small group flexibility.

Kathleen Graves: K-2 Specials will be asynchronous and they will be after lunch time.

Friday mornings will be four blocks of small group interventionist times.

Next distribution list of materials will be announced soon.

Rhonda Faircloth: Falcons First referral system is up and running. Teachers can refer students to counselors and social workers if they are not logging in or staying online.

## Announcements

Amy Dillion - Please share artwork for the PTA newsletter

Kathleen Graves - Curbside library pick-up will start soon!

### Save the date for future meetings:

November 16

December 14

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:50 p.m.**