

**Forest View Elementary
Virtual PTA & Steering Team
November 16th, 2020
MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE: See below

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:03 p.m.

Welcome - Liz

Approval of October Minutes - Liz

Reviewed on the screen, link to minutes posted via chat, minutes also posted on MemberHub
Motion to approve, properly seconded - Motion carried and November Minutes were approved.

Treasurer report- Brian

Treasure report shared on screen. Also posted in MemberHub.

No initial questions.

We are reviewing Staff Grants as the first round of requests closed yesterday, but will open another application window in January.

We are up to date with all reimbursements. Thank you to everyone for your patience.

Reminder if there are requests from staff or teachers for technology items please send those through Mr. Sennett or Ms. Stone first.

PTA Memberships are down this year as expected.

We did earn funds from Chipotle and Alpaca Spirit Nights and are continuing to earn funds from Harris Teeter.

The PTA purchased t-shirts for staff and teachers. Shirts read “Forest View Teachers can do virtually anything.” Shirts were well received by teachers and staff, and they were appreciative. Design and ordering of shirts were coordinated by Ms. Sledge.

Opened the floor for questions.

No questions were posed.

UnFundraiser - Liz

We exceeded our goal! This money will help us fund staff grant requests, provide funds for individual teachers and give extra funding to our specials teachers. Thank you so much to all who contributed! Thank-you to the fundraising team Nathan Marvel and Laura Helton.

Staff Grants - Liz

Our first round of staff grant applications closed yesterday. The PTA board will review the applications and award them as soon as possible. This first round will award around \$2000. We will do another round in January.

Virtual Room parent launch - Liz

We are asking for parents who are willing to be virtual room parents. Things a virtual room parent could do are:

- Facilitate virtual social opportunities for the children outside of class time.
- Serve as a link between the teacher and the other parents. Survey the other parents to see if there are any things that might make school life easier.
- Organize gift cards for the teacher birthdays/holidays/end of the year.
- Brainstorm ideas with other room parents about how to make the experience of virtual learning better for all.

Teachers will need to survey parents to see who would like to be contacted by the virtual room parent. Thanks to Elizabeth Tolman for agreeing to coordinate. Her contact was in the e-blast and will be posted via Seesaw

Yearbooks - Dina

Still looking for ideas and ways to commemorate this year. Especially thinking about fifth graders.

Ideas shared during meeting:

- Kathleen Graves - removing the time capsule that is buried and re-bury things from this year (e.g. masks)
- Composite photos of Zoom classes but not sure if there are privacy issues for those students who do not want their photo shared.
- Sending questions like what do you like about school to fifth graders for responses.
- Asking parents to send in photos.
- Doing bitmoji photos of all fifth graders OR asking them to send in their own bitmoji.
- Legacy letters from fifth graders to next year's class.

Principal Update - Neil Clay

Plan B is currently being discussed. The district sent information to teachers and parents today that we (school) are still reviewing.

Some issues that impact coming back to school include available space which is known. What is unknown is how many students will commit to Ignite. Another registration window for Ignite will be opened up so we still do not know numbers at this time.

Children might come back in A/B cohorts but we are not sure when or if this will happen.

For every 20 kids that leave FVE for Ignite we lose one teacher.

We must have 12 students or less in each of our classrooms.

Principal Clay opened the floor for questions because he felt that would be a better way to discuss issues most important to meeting participants. Additionally, he said he does welcome phone calls and emails from parents/guardians if they have questions.

Questions from participants:

Q: Does FVE have numbers of students who have signed up for Ignite and do you have a sense of teachers who might move to Ignite?

A: Right now about 200 students have signed up for Ignite and about 10 teachers need to teach in a virtual setting. At present the numbers work out but when the next registration period opens we don't know how the numbers might change.

Q: If we go to Plan B does Friday become a full day for all students?

A: When you are in school it is a full day. What is still not clear is when you are not in school on the two days. Right now it is not clear if you will have synchronous activities or asynchronous activities on days you are not in school.

Comment: We (school) know that some families are “poding” together for some activities. If parents want to request students be in the same cohort because of that for scheduling purposes we will try to accommodate those requests.

Q: Currently the in school lunch schedule is still an hour. Do you think that will change?

A: I did not anticipate lunch for an hour while kids were in school. It is currently presented in the Plan as everyone has lunch at the same time.

Q: If a kid is at FVE and goes to Ignite will they have an FVE teacher?

A: They (DPS) are going to try and match teachers from the same school with kids from the same school. However we (FVE) lose control if they sign up for Ignite.

Q: Is there virtual learning in the classroom?

A: Kids will still use Canvas because we may go back to virtual at any time. We do not know any more details at this time.

Q: When you are not in-person what do your days look like?

A: Currently there is no plan to live stream classes. Also there is a full week of instruction planned (i.e. teachers will not repeat the same lessons on M/Tu again on Th/F).

Ms. Morris suggested that it would make more sense for teachers to teach that same thing to cohort A on M/Tu and cohort B on Th/F in the same week.

Link to DPS Board presentation posted in Chat for participants to review.

Q: Any clarification on service delivery for ESL services?

A: Cannot speak for the District but we (FVE) are meeting with ESL teachers and there may be more flexibility by school due to available resources and students.

Link to information about the Board meeting on Thursday and how to submit public comments were posted in the meeting Chat.

Q: Are there plans to work on ventilation?

A: My understanding is DPS is working on that and they have started doing it. Kate Simpson said DPS is purchasing air purifiers for certain (self-contained) rooms.

Q: Are their protocols in place if a student or staff members has a positive test for COVID?

A: Yes, but the Health Department takes over and makes decisions on contact tracing, when people can return, etc.

Q: If there is a positive case does instruction stop?

A: No, students are shifted to virtual learning.

Q: Do the fifth grade pods have the same air circulation standards of the building?

A: I don't know but the windows do open so there is air circulation.

Q: Have ingress and egress plans been established for FVE?

A: Not yet. We have to do a lot of planning once decisions and numbers are final.

Comment: School will look and feel a lot different because the numbers will be so much smaller.

Announcements

There will be a Book Mobile at Duke Manor this week! Announcements made via PTA and on Facebook.

Spirit Night - December 9th Jersey Mike's on MLK. They will donate 50%!

Save the date for future meetings:

December 14, 2020

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:08 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Neil Clay

Kate Simpson

Sarah O'Brien

Stacy Lavin

Lauren Formy-Duval

Inessa Fannin

Katie Millet

Tony Patterson

Jennifer Avery

Diana Nishimuta

Kimbie Sprague

Liz Snyder

Stacey Lindsey

Rhonda Faircloth

Tracy Mansfield

Barbara Goettsch

Ryan Kempf

Brian Fannin

Dina Niblock

Amy Dillon

Laura Helton

Valerie Morris

Kathleen Graves