

Forest View Elementary
VIRTUAL PTA & Steering Team Meeting
March 8, 2021 7:00pm
MINUTES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00p.m.

ATTENDANCE: See below

Liz: Welcome

Approval of January Minutes

Minutes reviewed on screen and they were also posted on our Member Hub website.

Motion to approve

Motion properly seconded

Minutes approved

Treasurer Update - Brian

Budget displayed on screen and was also posted on Member Hub.

Current state of the budget (i.e., current revenues and expenses) were reviewed.

Questions

When are Teacher grants reimbursement requests due?

The first week of June, but we will be flexible.

President Update – Liz

Staff Grants Update

Awarded- Independent reading tools for EC students, ESL teaching tools, Edmark reading curriculum (alternative phonics based instruction), Professional Development training to help struggling readers, Booklet for ELLs, ARD supplement resources for advanced readers, FV mascot, 5th grade graduation assistance.

PTA addressing school needs

School has received the surge protectors that the PTA purchased as well as some new chairs that meet COVID material restrictions. We are in the process of getting microphones and amplifiers for hybrid teachers and headphones for students.

- Donations- sit-upons are being made by girl/cub scout troops and parents. I will collect and get them to the school. Goal is to have 400 so each student has one. The school is well stocked with PPE for

teachers. They have a good supply but would not turn down Clorox wipes, gel hand sanitizer donations, spare kid-sized masks. Still exploring other things teachers may want.

- Looking into having parents who are looking to help to donate to an Uber fund for families who need to pick up a child but don't have transportation.
- School gardens/outdoor spaces- Admin is writing a grant and looking landscaper recommendations. Would be nice to have some outdoor canopies put in.
- Thanks to the Okefee family for fixing K garden beds and Ashley Weinard for organizing a courtyard clean up. Thanks to Johna Mihlaik, Brook Bomar, and Jenni Rosen for helping move desks and chairs to make more space for everyone. Shout out to our school's admin for all they have been doing to get things up and running. I know our principals and treasurer have been putting extra time in on the weekends to help make things go as smoothly as possible. I'm sure many others are working extra too.

PAAC Update - Tony

We held our inaugural Parents of African American Children (PAAC) meeting on March 1st entitled the State of Black Students @ FVE. The meeting was well attended by Admin, teachers, and parents. We discussed specific data points about Black students that Forest View and the DPS use to determine student success. We also heard about the efforts Forest View has in place to support students, families, and teachers.

Together We Soar

Together We Soar week moved to April 19th-23rd. Since school is starting in person on March 15th we moved the week back.

PTA Board

It's hard to believe that it's spring already and things are pretty crazy but we need to start thinking about next year's PTA board. The treasurer has a two-year term limit and Brian has served for two years so we are looking for a new treasurer. If you are interested or know anyone who is interested on serving on the board please let me know.

Principal Update - Neil Clay

We feel good about safety procedures that are in place and are thankful for the support we have received from parents, staff, and teachers. What we need the most moving forward is patience.

Our car line process will be slow and methodical because of the check-in process we will have in place. Similarly, the process with buses will be slow and methodical as well. We do expect some delays the first few days as we all get use to our new procedures.

The school will send out messages via phone and on Seesaw about our new protocols.

Again, we just want to thank all the parents, teachers and staff for their support.

Questions

When will we hear about our teachers?

A: Principal Clay has asked all teachers to contact families.

Will Wellness Wednesday Clubs still take place for virtual students?

A: Virtual schedule is online and it is similar to what it was previously. There will be Wellness Wednesdays but not sure what the clubs will look like.

Also Students will stay with the same Special for a week.

What time will car line open for drop off?

A: 8:40 a.m. students can enter the building and they can pick up a packaged breakfast.

Will hot lunch still be provided? Is there anything different related to food with COVID?

A: Lunches will be eaten in the rooms and it will be pre-packaged. We do not know the menu yet and if it will be hot or not.

Is there any more information about teachers and in-person v. virtual?

A: All teachers have final roster now. There has been a lot of change for a variety of reasons. Teachers have been asked to contact all the families they will have in their class by the end of the day of Thursday.

We have 3 models in order to achieve having less students in face to face classes. There are face to face classes, virtual classes, and hybrid classes. We will achieve 6-foot separation in the classroom for face to face classes.

How does the hybrid model work?

A: Most hybrid teachers are aiming for a concurrent model of instruction. Kids at home will be projected on a screen in the class and kids in the class will be projected to the kids who are virtual.

If in person, students still use chrome books but they may leave them at school and not bring them back and forth.

Additionally, Kindergarten first day car riders may come at 9:45a so they can be screened and take their time getting into the building.

As part of our new protocols, a medical professional is at school at least 4 hours a day. There will be an isolation room for any student not feeling well or showing signs/symptoms of COVID-19 exposure. A student will need to be cleared by a doctor before returning to school.

We will defer to the Health Department about when teachers, students, and/or classes have to quarantine.

The Health Department is required to inform the school about a positive test.

We are developing a plan for what happens if someone gets sick outside of the 4-hour window and a medical professional is not present. Dana Irons, parent medical volunteer, is working closely with school staff to support these efforts and has volunteered to be available if needed. We are fortunate to have Dana's assistance and expertise.

Save the date for future meetings:

- April 12th PTA meeting 7pm
- May 3rd PAAC meeting 6pm
- May/June PTA meeting TBD

Link to join PTA news letter <https://forestviewpta.us11.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=22cccf943ba7f959cbf8eb51e&id=da29e45120>

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Meeting adjourned: 7:58 p.m.

ATTENDANCE 35

Tony Patterson	Zack Mansfield
Brian Fannin	Barbara Goettsch
Amy Dillon	Bianca Cammack
Sarah Miller	Sarah Pyle
Stephanie Hughes	Valerie Morris
George Jackson	Kathleen Graves
Jill Stuart	Kathleen Simpson
Katie Neal	Diana Nishimuta
Elizabeth McDermott	Emily Thrasher
Glenda Narcisse	Inessa Fannin
Dawne Lucas	Neil Clay
Ms. Campton	Jenni Rosen
Jen Meldrum	Dana Irons
Barbara Garcia Arroyo	Crystal Weber
Naranzul Lkhagvasuren	Amanda Marvelle
Lauren	Jeraldine
Averills	Ryan Kempf