

Marshall PTO Meeting

Meeting held by Zoom

Monday December 7, 2020 7:00 pm

Attendees: Mariela Tellez, Margaret Montgomery, Sarah Lui, Jennifer Walczak, Karen Stamp, Kris Waldrop, Susan Townsend, Chelsea Gardiner, Jackie Feser, Shayna Russo, Wendy Kilgore, Sarah Riechers, Brittany Rawlings, Natalie Sposato, Staphanie Thacker, Kristie Perreault, Shannon Robinson, Kofi Asiedu, Edna Hasenfratz, Katherine Pierret, Jonathan Harker, Pandita Gerdy, Jeneen Harris, Wendy Kilgore, Ghislain Djomani, Stephanie Leach, Tara Denny, Kate Asiedu, Candice Langaster, Joanne Macasiano, Diane Stinson.

Meeting called to order at 7:08pm

Minutes for the November meeting were available for review. The minutes for this meeting will be posted on the website for all members.

- **Welcome-** Review and approve minutes from October meeting. Motion done by Margaret Montgomery and Shayna Russo seconded.
- **PTO Report**
 1. Introductions, welcome remarks.
 2. Membership Sign-up. Check our Square online store.
- **Treasurer's Report – Jennifer Walczak-** Expenses and balances reviewed; A copy of the report was available to attendees during the meeting. It will be available to the public on the PTO website.
 1. Cash available for spending: \$5,284.57
 2. Please remember to link your Harris Teeter card to Marshall ES.
- **Principal's Report- Dr. Waldrop**
 1. Tuesdays and Thursdays have a total of 43 students.
 2. Wednesday and Fridays have a total of 41 students.
 3. Parents have the option to change their minds about in person versus virtual learning.
 4. Academic statistics for virtual school are positive. Low percentage of students reading below grade level.
 5. Budget:
 - a. Not where we hoped it would be due to lower enrollment.
 - b. Communication from the school has to be vetted through PWCS Communications.
 - c. 40 children have withdrawn since the beginning of the school year.
 - d. All of our overstaffs were offered employment at other PWCS locations.

- e. No longer able to sustain STEM program, but will maintain some semblance of STEM through various programs and classroom teacher lessons.
 - f. Goal is to support the program again in the future.
 - g. Student population directly aligns to staffing. With enrollment down, we had to make difficult decisions.
 - h. 1st and 3rd grade, each have one class that was split among the others.
 - i. Kindergarten has always sustained 1 assistant per teacher with PTO and student enrollment support. We maintain 3 TAs. Count requires 2 TAs. (Other schools have overstaffed all K TAs).
 - j. Currently have \$78,000 budget for the remainder of the school year.
6. Thank you to PTO for \$15,000 support for internet subscriptions. Nearpod subscription will be credited back to school as PWCS has provided.
 7. State ratio limits for grades 1-3 is 30 students to 1 teacher. 28 students = 1 teaching position. Putting support in place for reading groups, in particular in 3rd grade.
 8. Schedule changes coming with 2nd and 3rd grade returning to the building. Thank you to Miss Haggerty for coming up with schedule options.
 9. Schedule information should come soon after winter break.

- **Committee Reports**

1. **Membership: Margaret Montgomery.** From 27 memberships before membership drive to 113 memberships.
2. **Spiritwear: Sarah Lui.** Lots available from last year. Flash sale coming in the next few weeks (maybe BOGO).
3. **Communication/website/social media: Margaret Montgomery.** Facebook, Twitter, Website up to date. Square store for dues and spiritwear. Natalie Sposato will be helping with Facebook posting.
4. **Classroom Reps: Margaret Montgomery.** Little response to class reps. They are having trouble gathering contact information to be able to keep parents in touch.
5. **Spirit Nights: Shayna Russo.** Double-down on spirit nights after the winter break
 - a. December 21 pizza night (either Mod or Pizza Hut)
 - b. January Buffalo Wild Wings
 - c. Muse Paintbar coming up, \$20 to paint your own canvas at home (students vote on picture)
6. **Read-a-thon: Shayna Russo.** Working with Miss Haggerty to bring this one to life sometime in the upcoming months.

- **Upcoming Events**

1. MAC meeting December 14, 7 p.m.
2. Next PTO meeting January 11, 2021 at 7pm.
3. 2nd and 3rd Grade return to hybrid learning January 12, 2021.

- **Adjournment-** Mariela Tellez

Shayna Russo made a motion and Karen Stamp seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.