

Attendees: Mary Brazil, Aimee Holloway, Samantha Linford, Tom Jones, Leah Kletnieks, Shannon Heller, Shawna Bouligny, Katy McGuire, Annete Maravich, Shannon Smith, Katie Smith, Julia McGurk, Emily Duenas, Kate Bennett

Call to order

I. Welcome/Introductions

- A. PTO board, committee chairs, teacher liaisons, parents and school principal introduce themselves.
- B. Approval of September Meeting Minutes: motion to approve Katy McGuire, seconded by Julia McGurk, all in favor.

Reports

I. Principle's Report

- A. Halloween parade - The November newsletter will go out early to show the map of how the parents and students will be situated for the Halloween Parade. Students will be dismissed for class before the parents leave the blacktop. The East Avenue Middle School will play. Teachers are excited to see parents on campus. Kids will walk the perimeter as a class. Teachers will bring their classes to take a picture for the yearbook throughout the day.
- B. Modified quarantine testing – No positive cases have been at our school since the modified quarantine testing has been in place. It has been running smoothly at other schools. Students can come back to class quickly. Parents may be able to come on campus more with this working.
- C. Lunchtime - Compost and recycling back. Kids will eat outside unless there is rain. Interior is set up so kids have seen it and know where to sit on rainy days. Kids have a seating chart for lunch so we know who would need to be quarantined if needed.
- D. Avid – Jackson Avenue initially implemented Avid in 2018-2019. The Avid team includes one teacher at every grade level. Our school focuses on note taking and organization. A refresher course is being provided for the staff. With Avid, teachers are trained to become stronger in the program on a rotating basis.

II. Teachers' Reports

- A. Stingray Star Bucks - Stingray Star Bucks started last week. Classes receive these from a teacher or from yard duty. They can be used for both short term and long-term goals (such as extra recess or extra spirit days.)
- B. Avid - Upper grade student lead goal setting conference every trimester.
- C. All kids so excited for the Halloween parade and are happy to be back. Tetherball and some P.E. materials are being reintroduced to students.

III. Budget Report

- A. The first Stingray apparel order was for \$1108.

- B. The deficit on the budget for the yearbook is not correct. A bill from last year has been paid.
- C. Teachers are spending some of their funds. Mrs. Chan purchased some books for the library with the literacy fund.

IV. PCIC Report

- A. Unity Day – Unity Day is next Wednesday, October 20. Show commitment to end bullying. Everyone is encouraged to wear orange to bring awareness. This will be combined with crazy hair/hat day. This also happens to be on Shake it Out/Earthquake Day.
- B. Mental health and social emotional learning - This year is extremely challenging. Livermore has a lot of supports in place. There will be a Livermore Learns webinar tomorrow focused on positive behavior emotional supports.
- C. Library - On October 14 the library is having a star gazing night. On the 31st there will be a live bats presentation at 1:00 outside.
- D. Admirable actions challenge - The district is aiming to put a positive spin on the challenges that students engage in. Positive behavior/actions can be recognized from anyone in the community. Both a student and front office member have been recognized.
- E. There will be a Webinar on the 20th on the importance of early literacy.
- F. The district is looking to hire many classified positions.

New Business

- I. Spirit Wear – A large order has been placed. When the order is received at the of October, another order date will be sent around two weeks later for families that are interested.
- II. Yearbook contest winners will be announced tomorrow at the Wednesday morning meeting. It will also be announced on our Facebook page.
- III. Open positions – Read-a-thon chair, auction chair, and 5th grade activities chair.
- IV. Fun Run – The co-chair is Kaitlyn. The Fun Run will be in November. Chairs will meet with the principal to discuss details. It will kick off on November 9 and the event will occur on November 19. A survey will be sent to the staff to see if they have needs or see an area of need for the school. The fun run fundraiser can try to support as many of these needs as possible.
- V. Science Camp – The 5th grade teachers are brainstorming other ideas. This is in part a matter of equity. Some kids don't go because of the cost. What they learn at science camp doesn't align with 5th grade standards. The PTO will help support and facilitate whatever the 5th grade teachers decide upon. Alternative ideas may include guest speakers and day trips. This would be a hard switch for some because science camp has been looked at as a right of passage. Pre covid, the PTO did fundraisers to support those students who could not afford it. We called it a donation so that we could cover those who couldn't pay. The district covered the cost for the students who couldn't pay the last school year before COVID. It should be called a fee so that it can be refunded.

Open Discussion

- I. Some parents would like a virtual option for PTO meetings. It may be challenging to hear when everyone is talking around the room. One person could run the computer and the chat.
- II. Arroyo Seco's Running Club started on Wednesday right after school. Parents would pick them up when done running; parents are not allowed to stay and watch. A few parents are there to scan. We will contact their PTO to ask how they are running it and following protocols. Running club chair is currently inputting the classes and then Cynthia will input student names. Help will be needed in about two weeks with the QR codes.
- III. Volunteers are needed to assist with the vision and hearing screening on the 26th-28th.

Announcements

Adjourned 8:06pm