

Captain PTO Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2021

Called to order at: 7:03PM

Attendees: Lee Johnson, Mary Kaiser, Allyson Lavender, Eileen McGaughey, Abby Goldstein, Jennifer Martin, Kerith Lucco, Diana Hopper, Tanya Hayden, Betsy Meyland-Smith, Jena Schaumburg, Ryann Cleland, Allison Reichart, Deniz Aksoy, Michela Henke Cilenti, Kristen Neils, Stephanie Roberts, Danielle Gant, Christine Johnson, Sophie Liebermann

No recording this month

Meeting Summary

1. Welcome

- Voting process: use "thumbs up" reaction for yes and "x" reaction for nay

2. Introductions

- Icebreaker activity in break out rooms for introductions of attendees

3. Urgent Business

- Vote on minutes from September's meeting – unanimously approved
- Vote on fiscal year 21-22 budget – unanimously approved
 - Update: received clarification that line items in the budget do not need to be voted on, thus made appropriate adjustments as recorded in the budget

4. Principal's Report

- Expressed gratitude for support and engagement in budget process
- Reading night at end of September
 - Over 30 participants for this new parent only opportunity for learning on zoom
 - Slide deck is available for review, reach out to presenters with questions
- Black history celebration planning
 - Elementary schools are coming together to plan this year's celebration
 - Good progress in planning and more details will be shared next month
- Halloween celebration
 - We'll have one this year...and it will seem closer to "normal", but with some modifications
 - Per tradition, 5th graders will perform their dance and it will be at Concordia this year; classrooms will be able to observe and appropriately distance; 5th grade parents will have priority spot to view and other parents will be welcome to watch from the perimeter
 - After the dance, the parade will take place and then the students will re-enter the school for their classroom parties

- To abide by safety and health protocols, only 1-2 parent volunteers will be able to enter the classrooms to help with the parties; see further details that have been emailed out if you are interested
- Normal pick-up time at 3:30
- Teacher wish list
 - Grand total within PTO budget
 - Dr. Martin will notify the teachers that the wish list items have been approved

5. Treasurer's Report

- September statement of activity

6. President's Report

- Actively reviewing ideas submitted to utilize for capital improvements funds
- Recommend moving forward with bike rack suggestion (2 total)
 - The racks will accommodate multiple sizes of bikes as well as those that don't have kick stands, thus helping to prevent bikes being damaged by "domino effect"
 - Will be able to relocate current bike rack to rear location given the multiple building entries we are using this year
 - Official vote will be in November's meeting in accordance with budget protocol
 - Dan Lavender is checking with local company on pricing
- Several ideas have been submitted related to the playground
 - Proposal is that a sub-committee form and carry forward the ideas
 - If you are interested, please let Abby Goldstein know
 - In the meantime, Dr. Martin will solicit ideas from teachers and students
 - Once the sub-committee forms, Dr. Martin can provide guidance on procedures

7. Open Comments

- Parent interest in ensuring that educators are feeling supporting with sense of belonging, race and equity
- Grade level representatives are needed for each grade, let Abby Goldstein know if you are interested by emailing captainpto@claytonschools.net
- Last call for community team T shirts, they are \$10 and each child needs one; Abby Goldstein will ensure the link is emailed out again on October 13th
- Details are still forthcoming as to whether the vaccines will be offered at the school once available for ages 5+; continue to monitor your email for information

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM