



Woodburn Meeting

April 16, 2020

Online

Laura Wright convened the meeting at 7:00pm

Welcome and approval of minutes

- Welcome back Ms. Louder
- Voted and approved minutes from March 12, 2020 meeting

PTA Business/Virtual PTA Recap

- Virtual Spirit Week
 - A successful five days with different themes
 - Please visit Facebook with your children to view photos
- Virtual Coffee Hour
 - Good to connect with Dwayne
 - Two more meetings before end of year
- Community Food Drive
 - Lynn Rozental (Holmes Run Acres) - gathering food donations by Wednesdays to distribute to Fairmont Gardens on Thursdays. Donations may be dropped off at 3403 Cypress Drive, Falls Church, VA. Lynn needs help dropping donations off at Food for Others. Please email lynn.rozental56@gmail.com if you can help.
 - Financial donations - may be made to Food for Others or the FCPS Foundation, which has been providing grab-and-go meals
- Yearbooks
 - Order online at Lifetouch.com, enter yearbook ID Code: 13246220
 - Deadline: April 20th
 - Unsure of distribution, possibly by neighborhood

Nominating Committee

- Nominating Committee: Jenny Boeder, Eric Sorensen, Neelima Yelamanchili

PTA Officer Nominees for 2020-21 Board

- PTA Officer Nominees for 2020-21 SY
 - President: Mary Cunningham
 - Vice President: Matt Levi
 - Treasurer: Rebecca Leach
 - Secretary: April Rosenthal

-Several other coordinator positions are available. Please reach out to the new board if you are interested in serving in any capacity.

Treasurer's Report

- Limited financial activity on the last month
- 64% expenses
- 52% income of has come in

- Healthy bank account, will still be able to fund CETA and other plans for the 2020-21 school year

Principals' Message

- Good start to distance learning on Tuesday. Woodburn staff working hard despite technical issues beyond their control.
- Grab-and-go meal sites have increased - 400,000 meals distributed throughout the county
- 81 laptops distributed to Woodburn students without computers in the home. 40 more families are eligible, 14,000 laptops distributed to students county-wide
- County website and Woodburn emails are the go-to information sites for questions regarding distance learning
- Summer programming will most likely be virtual
- Parents may receive reminder phone calls from the school if a student is not participating in distance learning
- Grading - no work after March 24th will be graded, no fourth quarter grades will be given
- Budget 2021-22 looks bleak, but in 2020-21, each grade level should have at least three teachers
- IEP Meetings - currently implementing a temporary learning plan
- #togetherwegrow is the hashtag we are using on Twitter, tag us
- Possible Poetry month in April with Ms. Green and Ms. Cortez
- Principal and class placement survey will be sent to each family regarding qualities each family would like in a Principal and teacher, possible classmates, which environment your child learns best in. Should arrive within the next couple of weeks

Questions

- Summer SACC - SACC will likely not be available in the summer due to building closures. Contact Fairfax County Childcare with questions
- Principal Placement
-Ms. Richman to meet with Dr. Zuluaga to discuss whether she will return. FCPS hiring freeze does not apply to Principals, so we would be able to conduct a search
- Is moratorium on student/teacher communications still in effect? Parents would like more communication. No moratorium from Superintendent. Dwayne wanted to wait for direction from the County before teachers contacted students. Please reach out to Dwayne at dayoung@fcps.edu with further concerns.
- How will the closure affect learning for next year? How will students be caught up? Dwayne - this discussion has not happened. Just focusing on health of students this year. Dwayne hopes we reconnect in past classrooms before we move on in 2020-21. Perhaps the state of VA will re-evaluate testing standards and student growth after this situation. This can be a transformational time with how we offer education. Many teachers are becoming proficient with distance learning.

School and District Updates

- Kindergarten Orientations (FCPS led, online)
-In person K playdates this summer if allowed
- AAP Notifications sent this week; decisions due May 4th
-AAP online meeting for Woodburn parents will be scheduled
- Reimbursements will for FCPS activities will be provided
- Continued limited access to school buildings until approval from Health Department

Distance Learning Opportunities

- Packets mailed to families - click link in next Woodburn newsletter to go paperless
- School kits mailed to all families in Title I schools - contact Robyn Fernandez if you have not received your kit
- Blackboard 24/7 will be used due to security/technical issues
- Learning will begin Monday, April 20th
- Robyn Fernandez is planning an email walk-through of Blackboard for families. Robyn's contact info will be sent in the next Woodburn newsletter.

Upcoming Events

- Virtual Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4-8
 - Run by Ashley and Nate Maines
 - FB campaign - asking community to post with energy and get involved
 - VA Lottery Thank-a-Teacher campaign - visit www.thankateacherva.com to send thank you notes to your child's teacher; teachers have a chance to enter a contest to win a Virginia vacation with each thank you note
 - PTA gift to teachers - notebooks
- Woodburn Community Brown Bags - Fridays, April 24 and May 15, 12pm
 - Connect with school leadership, staff and parents over a brief parent education topic and important district and school updates. These are important opportunities for families to receive real time communication from the school.

Connecting and Keeping up with PTA

- Facebook is easiest way to stay connected
- Please feel free to reach out Board Members
- Wildcat Weekly Newsletter
- A-Z Directly is a good resource

Next Meeting - Online, May 21, 7pm, election and volunteer appreciation

Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm

Minutes:

Approved as presented:

Date:

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Secretary (Signature)