

Parent club meeting, 7/22/20 10:00am

Attendees: Lindsay Patel, Laura Murata, Kirin McKenna, Tricia Theodosis, Heather Wilder, Michelle McKinney

Action Item: Vote in Laura Murata as Co-President

All in favor, say Aye

Unanimous approval

Action Item: Vote in Tricia Theodosis as Co-Vice President

All in favor, say Aye

Unanimous approval

PC Meetings every 3rd Thursday at 6:30pm::

Discussed. We will stick with our regular 3rd Thursday meetings.

Financials:

Shared via a google doc.

Art and music discussion:

Heather: Why can't there be interim, virtual art and music? PC can fund a part time, interim art and music instructor or instructors to work with the kids virtually.

Michelle: Wants PC to save money for a rainy day. Doesn't agree with hiring somebody this year. Main concern is funding this year and funding costs cutting into funds for next year since we won't be able to fundraise this year. Cannot support and will not support hiring uncredentialed instructors. Administration feels it is too difficult to hire someone without meeting them in person.

PE is also very important to kids. There will be more serious guidelines for kids this year and more thought will be put into potentially adding art to the current curriculum. Focus, for now, has to be on creating the most robust distance learning program possible.

Heather: Can PC take the burden off of Admin by vetting credentialed teachers for them before the hiring process?

Michelle: Admin needs to work on current academic instruction first. These discussions need to be brought up later. Now is not the time but we can look at this later when admin has settled instruction down. Baby steps. Get the core program up and running. One step at a time. Come back to us later with the idea of art and music.

All: we will return to the art and music discussion at the next PC meeting.

Commitment sheets: Michelle wants us to stop commitment sheets this year because it is too much of a burden on parents who have reduced income now.

Update from Michelle:

We are not working under “shelter in place” restrictions any more. Now we are moving to “distance learning” restrictions. Meaning, teachers will work from the classroom. Paper worksheets will be allowable. Transmission is not incurred via touching things but via airborne particles, so the safety issues have shifted.

We can still keep the read-a-thon as a fundraiser.

We are not going to petition for a waiver to re-open the school.

Want to have a big welcome day for everyone on the 12th. Then, possibly, moving forward with one on one conferences with teachers, parents and kids.

Read-A-Thon Prize distribution:

Lindsay: Will we have any restrictions on distributing read-a-thon prizes from last year?

Michelle: Every child will have a personal bin at school now, so we will be able to distribute prizes to the personal bins.

Lindsay: How many students are returning?

Michelle: We have new students. Several families have left. We are up to about 115 students now.