

April PTA Minutes

Agenda Overview

Minutes Review

Treasurer's Report

- JC Johns absent, but updated report will be posted on website

Principal's Report

- 8 Fridays left in year
- Acknowledges concern about COVID cases
 - For most recent case, student last in building on 4/13
 - Letters sent if students go home through health w/ 2 or more COVID symptoms
 - Absence of negative test assumed to be positive
 - 6' social distancing being maintained, which reduces close contacts
 - Reminds parents not to send kids to school with symptoms, even allergy symptoms
- Survey has re-opened for hybrid 2 or 4 day
 - Some students already at 4 days/week, based on educational priority
 - Target now on kids who need to be in person to pass the grade plus any kids who want to start 2 days/week
 - Classes < 15 students
- 8th grade celebration being planned
 - Not final, so standby for details
 - Large gathering w/families unlikely
 - June 17 is a possible date for something at the school (staggered attendance, pickup belongings, say goodbye...)
- Parent climate survey sent out
 - Invitation to join improvement committee
 - May 13, virtually, 4 – 5:30 pm
 - Standardized tests will be discussed, data analyzed
 - Community needs will be another topic
 - Questions about communication other school business
- 4th marking period will see a concentration on small group instruction and engagement of students in the building
- Assessment balance will also be analyzed (homeworks, quizzes, tests, projects)
- Lisa Lyman: Are language arts separated by ability? Yes. Science and social studies are not. A "Y" label indicates higher level for language arts in the Parent Portal.
- COVID spread? Close contacts are called immediately. Close is within 6' of positive child. Potential exposure occurs if children share a class, bus, or hallway, and those families get a call to inform them.
- 8th grade administrator, Mr. Ballard, is retiring.

Fundraising

- Restaurant nights
 - Tentative Mod Pizza, May 12
 - Trying to book another for June (CPK, Panera, Noodles & Co, etc)
- Teacher Appreciation
 - Some parents have volunteered to help with activities: Stacy Canuel, Vanessa Crosby
 - 4 things planned: large banner; every employee will receive a plant from Homestead Gardens (donated!!!); every employee will get a \$10 gift card to a West Annapolis business; Panera luncheon for employees.
 - Students will be encouraged to send a note of appreciation to their teachers
- Masks?
 - Laura Booth told RF about an Edgewater firm, Marty's Bagworks, that can make masks \$4/mask.
 - Details to come on options and definite pricing
- Yard Signs?
 - Edgewater company that we used last year
 - Pre-order, distribute at the school
 - Elaine Lodge offered to help deliver signs to the school, since she visits that shop often

Other Business

- Screenagers screening generated a lot of discussion and engagement from students
- 40 logins or so the first night. The movie is still available to view!

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 27, 7pm

Adjourned 1954 (7:54pm)

Attendance

Ray Feldmann

Katherine Hicks

Elizabeth King

Elaine Lodge

Amy Beller

Jennifer Wright

Martin Egna

Scott Parker

Stacy Canuel

Lisa Lyman

Jaye Falls