

Minutes of PTO Meeting on March 26 (via Zoom)

Principal's Report

- Communication with staff and families is the top priority
- More Zoom meetings in the future will be key
- Waiting for further direction from district on next steps regarding digital content and serving kids without internet
- Teachers focused on getting a count of students with and without internet
- April Beier asks about blasting Spectrum free Wi-Fi information to families
 - Barber enthusiastically endorses
- Faculty and staff organizing how they work offsite, communication structures, procedures and contacts
- District priority mailings are going out before school-specific mailings – Friday night robocalls and listserv emails are the focus for now
- Focusing on ensuring equity and communicating with faculty and teachers
- Next week hope to be able to share more information – want to reach all families
- Working on a YouTube channel for kids to see faculty and staff
- Katherine suggests Mr. Barber on Facebook Storytime page

President's Report – Karly Grifasi

- April motions to approve draft February minutes, Karen seconds, all in favor – minutes are approved

Treasurer's Report – Michael Grifasi

- Several things still need to be deposited, everything noted on budget, money set aside in reserve, including \$25,000 in Chiefs money, balance is approx. \$27K, that will go down to \$25,000+ with pending expenditures
- Beth Myers asks what happens if the rest of the budget doesn't happen as planned
 - Most of our income has come in (actual vs. goals), 66% projected income vs. 50% projected expenses, includes \$1,300 deposit on yearbooks
 - If we don't do Carnival it's ok because we won't have field trips either, we're ok overall, we can use reserves to fund next year
 - Fundraisers on hold at the moment but there are more agile options to jumpstart fundraising compared to the Carnival
- Kari – no spring book fair will keep us from getting free fall book fair inventory
 - Anna Dahlstein – if we don't have a book fair, that means we're also not giving away books – current inventory would cover the fall free books – spoke with Scholastic about lead time for cancelling, no penalty to cancel – option of online book fair (14 days of online sales, shipments go straight to the home, free shipping on \$25+, 25% of sales revenues go back to school as credit, not as good as in-person option but better than nothing) – don't want to make a decision yet given the lack of clarity in two months

Lobbying State and Federal Government

- Jonah and Laura-Anne Minkoff-Zern discuss contacting state representatives regarding resource equity – working to pressure state and federal government to fund tablet, internet access for families, \$5 million allocated for tablets, Spectrum giving free internet, state representatives and senators have been responsive
 - Karly asks if there's a call to action we can share with the listserv – we should inform people these options exist and we should stay on state/federal government to provide these resources
 - Moira asks for numbers on who does/does not have internet access – Jonah says 40% do not have access, 30% don't have tablets

Open Discussion

- Karly asks for suggestions of how we can help (as families and as a PTO) to support each other
- PTO looking for guidance from Barber, Family Engagement, social workers based on what they're hearing; could use any extra funds to address the most pressing needs
- Send pictures of students learning at home to Barber and to Lesley Porcelli
- Faculty/staff/students writing "Coyote Cares" letters to students
- Barber – delivering packets to ENL students, translations, Language Line, special needs groups, large print readers; Barber affirms 30%/40% numbers, need to figure out how to get resources in the hands of students
 - Karly clarifies whether Barber is looking for delivery drivers – school would organize and coordinate with translator and inform families before the delivery takes place
 - April asks how many packets – Barber says they're in 10 zip codes, parents would also have the opportunity to pick up at school first
- Emily Hart-Gorman clarifies that the number of meals hasn't changed, the hours haven't changed, trying to minimize staffing and consolidate, no change in number of meals or access to delivery
- Kate Sauffley asks about more information on the Spectrum free service offer – it is good for 60 days
- Greg Lawson and Barber are rotating on-campus presence, someone is there every day, including teachers and/or custodial staff
- David Larsen asks about sewing cloth masks for school staff if needed – Barber thanks Larsen for the offer and is interested in hearing more
- Barber re-iterates his interest in more Zoom meetings: "We can still do stuff ... we all need this ... keep it up, thank you"
- Kate Sauffley – asks about having kids draw cards to send to elderly in retirement homes; Barber welcomes the idea and encourages exploring it further
- Moira McDermott asks about staff experience regarding Zoom – does the school need facilitation? Barber says teachers have to make a contact log (twice a week), Ed Smith teachers are learning and implementing platforms, teachers getting training on Zoom, staff meeting on Zoom upcoming

- Kari asks about April 14 timeline for school closure; Barber doesn't know anything different than the current estimated April 14 but anticipating/working to be ready for an extension
- Mary Mastin says teachers have had a lot in-services and communication with each other and families to see what everyone's circumstances/capabilities are
- Ashley Grant Bloomer suggests Barber mention Spectrum on this week's robocall
- Karly asks about meal distribution, including distributing announcements that way; Barber supports the idea
- Barber says it's important for kids to socialize the best they can, including online
- Kate Sauffley asks about LifeTouch and distributing spring pictures; Karly says PTO could pay for postage if needed
- Still need photographs for yearbook; Lesley says she can see teachers and students making lemonade from lemons in the pictures they share
- Kari asks about pictures of the musical; Kate Sauffley has some pictures of musical, middle school dances
- Motion to adjourn – all approve the motion