



**PTO Meeting Minutes
Monday February 1, 2021 at 8pm**

M. Wintermute called the meeting to order at 8:02 pm.

Meeting attendees for Monday 2/1/21

Katie Kelly	Sara Murphy
Mallory Reyes	Jackie Foley
Jen Kobus	Mariya Thomas
Monica Janiczek	Kasia McGrew
Molly Wintermute	Patty Susmarski
Zhaleh Pylawka	Jill Morgan
Vicki Chung	Adam Parisi
Mark Fijor	

1. Projector Update

- a. K. Kelly began with a quick update on the projector.
- b. M. Fijor presented the three estimates for the project. The estimates ranged from \$16,000 up to \$31,500. M. Fijor shared that one estimate was provided by a D57 parent. The estimates vary based on projector type, installation costs, ability to cast wirelessly, and quality of the projector.
- c. A. Parisi shared that this will not be in the multipurpose room, although there will be upgrades during the summer building project.
- d. M. Fijor shared that we could do a TV cart for roughly \$2,500 as an alternative to the projector. M. Fijor shared that the projectors last anywhere from 5-10 years and that the cost of screens is not included in the estimates. The screen would be roughly \$6,000 extra.

- e. The board discussed seeing if this could be funded through the PTO, Ed Foundation, and district funds.
- f. A. Parisi suggested to table the discussion until March or April when we will know the funds available.

2. Zoom License Discussion (M. Wintermute)

- a. M. Wintermute shared that it has become prevalent that the PTO should look into buying a zoom license.
- b. M. Fijor shared the options for purchase. The total cost would be \$120 with the current discount.
- c. The board voted to go ahead with the purchase of the zoom license.

3. Task Force Updates (J. Morgan & K. McGrew)

- a. K. McGrew shared that the task force has been split into 3 sub-committees; communication, research, and model.
- b. K. MsGrew shared that the survey has gone out to parents to plan next steps and to understand what factors came into play to make their current choice for remote or hybrid.
- c. J. Morgan and K. McGrew shared that they have had lots of conversations regarding vaccinations and a district plan for teacher vaccinations.
- d. K. McGrew shared that a survey also went out to teachers to gauge their feelings on the current remote/hybrid schedules.
- e. K. McGrew shared that the main issue that the task force is running into right now is the 6 feet of social distance and how adhering to the CDC guidelines makes it difficult to bring more students in the building full time.
- f. J. Morgan shared that the task force would be planning a presentation for the BOE meeting on 2/18.

4. Teacher Report (S. Murphy)

- a. S. Murphy shared that everyone is very excited for the virtual author visit.
- b. S. Murphy shared that the 2nd grade team is celebrating the 100th day of school.

5. President Report (M. Wintermute)

- a. M Wintermute gave an update on cleaning out and organizing the google drive and asked that everyone go through documents to see what is needed and what can be helpful.

- b. M. Wintermute shared that Dr. Aumiller asked a group of parents to assist in the final interviews of the superintendent candidates. M. Wintermute and M. Reyes will both serve on this committee.

6. Treasurer Report (J. Foley)

- a. J. Foley that we could pay for the zoom license with our contingency funds.
- b. J. Foley shared that our withdrawal total for the month was \$2,597.95. This was for the Roar n Run sign, Leapin' into Literature books, shirts/bags, the magic show, and PayPal fees.
- c. J. Foley reported that our deposits for the month were \$516.10. This included box tops (\$96.10), PayPal deposit of \$420, which included \$20 in membership and the magic show.
- d. J. Foley reported that our final balance is \$19,812.90

7. VP Report (P. Susmarski)

- a. **YEARBOOK-** K. Kelly shared that at this time no staff member is interested in taking this on. K. Kelly shared that we are still planning to have school pictures at some point this year. J. Foley and A. Ross are still planning to work together on the yearbook. P. Susmarski and M. Reyes volunteered to help.
- b. **PAWLOOZA/STEM FAIR-** We are planning to still hold these events, but they will be done virtually. A. Ross and P. McKee will be chairing the Pawlooza. M. Wintermute volunteered to do the STEM fair if we don't find another volunteer.
- c. **SOCIAL CONNECTIONS-** P. Susmarski shared that the committee is planning two more events; a pizza/game night on 2/14 (with Station 34) and a drumming event.

8. Principal Report (K. Kelly)

- a. K. Kelly shared that winter benchmarking is complete and teachers and staff are using the data for future instruction. K. Kelly shared that not many kids have been added to Tier 2/3.
- b. K. Kelly shared that the teachers are excited for the author visit.
- c. K. Kelly shared that at this point we will be holding off on Valentine's Day parties.

9. BOE (J. Kobus)

- a. J. Kobus reported that the BOE had an environmental scan on 1/28. J. Kobus all shared that M. Fijor presented a tech plan to

the board which included his plan to upgrade wireless capabilities and a powerschool update.

- b. J. Kobus reported that school fees will remain the same. The board also approved the Lions Park and Lincoln construction plans and work will begin over the summer.
- c. J, Kobus provided an update on the superintendent search. It began with 45 candidates who had a phone screening. 5-6 candidates were then presented to the board for interviews, and the final two candidates will have another interview which will include members of the BOE, PTO, and Ed Foundation. J. Kobus shared that we should know the new superintendent by March or April.

10. Roar n Read (Z. Pylawka)

- a. Z. Pylawka reported that we have already raised \$4,682 (only 15% participation). If we stay this course, we could raise close to \$20,000.
- b. The board discussed ideas of photo challenges to keep the kids motivated as well as photo spirit days. We also discussed incentives for those who raise the most.
- c. The board discussed the idea of having local sponsorships. M. Reyes will share local sponsors used for the Ed Foundation as a starting place.

11. Adjournment

- a. M. Wintermute adjourned the meeting at 10:19 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday March 1, 2021

