

Marshall Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization

Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2020 - 6:30pm

Online Meeting, via Zoom

- I. **Call to Order 6:36 pm**

- II. **Roll Call / Introductions Doreen Pierce, Ken Pierce, Jill Moth, Sherry King, Shannon Bennett, Shannon Thoms, Julia Kindler, Melissa Kloc, Monica Benolkin, Kay Baer, Chris Alessandrini, Jessica Powell, Rachel Bagne, Julie Knutson,**

- III. **Reading and Approval of Minutes**
 - A. Monthly Board Meeting, March 3, 2020 **Approved. ALL REPORTS ACCEPTED VIA UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

- IV. **Reports of Officers**
 - A. Co-Presidents' Report (Doreen Pierce, Kenneth Pierce) **PTO meeting in May will be via Zoom as well as (possibly) June meeting. PTO website is being "blacklisted" by the District...the weebly platform not the website in general. Suggestion made to look into switching to a Google site ..Doreen to look into logistics of moving site. Due to no volunteers in the building since March meeting there is no Volunteer of the Month for March**
 - B. Co-Vice Presidents' Report (Rachel Bagne, Shannon Thoms) **No Report**
 - C. Secretary's Report (Monica Benolkin) **No Report**
 - D. Treasurer's / Assistant Treasurer's Report (Chris Alesandrini, Sara Alesandrini) **Little activity. Recommends setting up electronic submissions for grant/purchase requests. Suggests waiving requirement for paper form due to not being able to be in building to pick up forms. PTO ok with email for submissions. Jessica to send out email informing teachers to email purchase/grant requests.**
 - E. Principal / School Administrators' Report (Jessica Powell) **At time of PTO meeting there has been no official decision about school opening this year or in the fall. Recommends NOT using Race Funds for Garden project due to logistics for tending garden as well as District approval tends to be lengthy. Suggested purchase of more Chromebooks for school as the District only guarantees a ratio of 1 device per 2 students. Believes approx \$12k for 30 Chromebooks/cart but will look into finding actual cost. AR testing is an Official NO. DEA testing likely NO. New principal: Sydney Graves from Conklin. TME parent, previous Gifted Coordinator at Belvidere**
 - F. Grade Reps' Report (Kay Baer, Amanda Carlson, Melissa Kloc, Sherry King) **No Report**
 - G. Parents' at Large Report (Michelle Carlson, Julia Kindler, Julie Knutson, Carlos Ramos) **No Report**

V. Reports of Committees and Events

- A. Spirit Night at Beefaroo (Doreen Pierce, Kenneth Pierce) **Check at the school in amount of \$467**
- B. PTO Facebook Virtual Weeks (Jessica Powell) **Were a fun way to stay connected during the last 2 weeks in March. Discussion about making Virtual Spirit weeks out January "Event" due to weather being a big negative impact the last 2 years.**
- C. Spirit Wear (Jessica Powell)
- D. Everyday Fundraising (Shannon Bennett)

VI. Special Orders of Business

- A. 2020-2021 Executive Officers Nomination Committee
 - 1. Nomination of 2020-2021 Officers **Co Presidents: Shannon Thoms and Rachel Bagne Co VP (open x2) Treasurer: Chris Alessandrini Asst Treas: Melanie Elliot Secretary: Monica Benolkin Asst Secy: Melissa Kloc Grade Rep 1st: open Grade Rep 2nd: Sherry King Grade Rep 3rd Open Grade Rep 4th: Kay Baer Parent at Large: Sara Alessandrini Parent at Large Carlos Ramos Parent at Large: (open)**
 - 2. Call for additional nominations **Nominations for open positions need to be made 2 weeks prior to upcoming meeting.**
 - 3. Announcement of 2020-2021 Elections: May 5, 2020

VII. New Business

- A. Updating or cancelling future events: Book Fair **Cancelled**, Talent Show, **Cancelled ..perhaps an online showcase?** Teacher Appreciation Week, **Grade Reps to connect to discuss ideas of gifts and distribution.** Summer Playdates in the Park **Likely to be a much "bigger deal" due to lengthy Shelter in Place/Quarantine restrictions.**
- B. **2020-2021 Calendar of Events not out yet..waiting to consult with new principal.**

VIII. Announcements or Discussion at Large

- A. COVID-19 response or assistance

IX. Adjournment 7:47 pm