

November PTO Minutes
November, 10 2020
Via Zoom; 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

- President's Call to Order
- Review of Minutes
 - Secretary Van Horn
 - **Minutes approved virtually by Ellen, Shalini**
- Treasury & Budget Update
 - Budget Update after October expenses
 - **End of month balance - \$57,000**
 - **Inflows - Dining out, box tops, school supplies - \$480.00**
 - **Outflows - E commerce, teachers's fund, movie license \$5,800.00**
 - **Trivia night will be zeroed out. Grant for the Chickens will pay out in Nov.**
- President's Report
 - WE Give launched - **11% participation, let's focus on %, not \$, could do a dress up day to try and reach all students**
 - Room Parent Staffed 100% -
 - Spirit Wear store closed; **47 orders and \$316.00 raised**
 - Trivia Night officially canceled - **Released date at the Community Center, loss of \$10,000 WE Give is the only ask for \$; Any questions? - No**
 - Parent Teacher Conferences will take place virtually In January - **week of January 11th**
 - Westchester will send two liaisons to serve on Curriculum Review Committee - **Kary Mangers, Christina Abate**
 - Upcoming Dates:
 - Friday, November 13 – Dining out @Imo's Des Peres
 - Friday, November 13 – Virtual, Half-day learning
 - Tuesday, November 17 – Dining out @ Mike Duffy's Kirkwood
 - Wednesday, November 25 – No School, Thanksgiving Break
 - Thursday, November 26 – No School, Thanksgiving Break
 - Friday, November 27 – No School, Thanksgiving Break
 - Monday, November 30 – Virtual Learning
 - Tuesday, December 1 – Virtual Learning
 - Tuesday, December 8 – PTO Meeting
- Principal's Report
 - November 11-Veterans Day - **Classroom doing some activities, Ms Cobb doing a video**
 - November 13-1/2 Day - **Asynchronous Learning until 12:30; Dining Out IMOs**
 - November 25--29-Thanksgiving Break-NO SCHOOL - **Turkey Week/Chili Challenge - More info to come from Sat Insider from KSD**
 - November 30 & December 1-**Virtual Learning-Same as Friday - Synchronous Specials**
 - December 4 - PTO Executive Meeting
 - December 8 - PTO Meeting

- January 11th - Conferences - **we will use sign up genius**
- WE Give - **It is up and running. Westchester appreciates everything the PTO provides for the students and staff. Please consider supporting the PTO and Westchester.**
- **Questions?**
 - Virtual Fridays lunches - Families can have have students stay on zoom, hide their picture if they need to eat with siblings at one time. KSD is trying to keep kids on the same school schedule as if they were in the building
 - If we go full virtual, recommendation will be back to original schedule
 - No insight as to if/when we would go back to virtual
 - School is the safest spot, but the outside factors is where spread is happening, Schools can't control what goes on outside of the building, we'll provide as many resources as possible
 - Vaccine news is encouraging
 - Can you explain the daily Covid updates?
 - Daily report is each day
 - Dashboard is cumulative
 - Daily report shows a positive, but not how many are in quarantine
 - Too many emails? Trying to find balance from over communicating to not being transparent
 - All close contacts and positive cases get reported to health dept.
 - Entire classes are be quarantined b/c we've be so cohorted, and students spend greater than 15 minutes in close contact
 - Example - If Bo & Erin are in Witwer and both come down with COVID, there is discussion on how to share that information. Communication will be shared as needed if student is considered close contact & will be quarantined. Families would not know unless the student tested positive.
 - If we end up virtual, will we maintain two separate "schools"? Nothing is finalized, but mostly likely virtual school will remain virtual school. Kids in person will stay with same teacher as in person.
 - If we go virtual will it be permanent? That will be a data driven decision; school will be open if possible, virtual will remain an option
 - NKMS text this AM encouraging all to stay home if a family member is ill; communication needs to be universal from KSD
 - If at home, will more work be set home? Teachers' focus is going to be on kids that are in person. If all was in Schoology kids can still be accessing information. Difference is in grade levels . Teachers are having to plan two different sets of lessons. Focus needs to be on the bodies in front of them.
 - How is the emotion of our staff? What can be doing? Bo/Stef set up a coffee truck set up last week. Time is the biggest gift.
 - There is concern for family balance for teachers...parents have high expectations
 - Could we provide meals for teachers?

- All focus on lifting each other up, appreciative, return to the March/April mentality of caring for others
 - Share compliments & your thanks!
 - All families/workers are tired
 - ½ of teachers leave profession within 8 years
 - Nurse Burney is a pillar w/all that is going on
 - Jaclyn - how are things going virtually?
 - Parent liaison mtg Oct 27th
 - asynchronous specials have been changed to synchronous
 - Picture day TBD
 - WE receive a Monday newsletter with calendar/dates
 - Benchmarks assessment - reminder it's good for kiddos to struggle, let kids do the work themselves!
 - Pick up dates (for materials)/locations
 - Looking for some PTO volunteers/clubs
 - Traditions
 - There is concern about class sizes as kids trickle in
 - Next parent liaison mtg Nov. 23rd
- Vice Principal's Report
 - Please Remember to sign up for a Chicken Checker slot
 - **Coop needing a little TLC, will ask for some volunteers soon**
 - Virtual School
 - **Virtual school is a continuum for where they are and what they need**
 - **Trying to meet everyone where they are; some families are still attached to their brick & mortar school and others have fully embraced virtual school**
 - **Lots of feelings, worry, concern, trying to honor all of the feelings**
- New Business
 - **Come up with some personal ways to thank our staff - will reach out to room parents**
- Adjourn