

PTCO/SAC GENERAL MEETING MEETING MINUTES

September 24, 2020

Conducted via Zoom, per State of Colorado and Cherry Creek School District social distancing directives due to the spread of COVID-19.

Present: Kelly Lewis; Amy Anderson; Sarah Huston; Lisa Stang; Christie Gammill; Lara Girtin; Krissie Marotto; Kelly Kane; Courtney Malnati; Tina Parks; Blythe Leinwand; Olivia Phillips; Chris Hardy; Ann Egan; Allison DiPaolo; Brianna Gass; Jill Ellsworth; Dana Palmer; Tom Briggs; Evyan Maniatis; Jill Smith; Kelley Couch; Roberta Person; Ryan Silva; Sarah Terry; Sarah Carlsen; Sean McDevitt; Sherelle Horsfield; Stacy; Whitney Albro; Christy Serenyi; Kathleen Goldy

Ann Egan from the CCSD

Ann spoke about the importance of the election in November and passing 4A/4B. 4A involves the mill rate which would be \$1.65/\$100k property value (approximately \$6.60 month for a \$400k home). 4A addresses the costs of mental health professionals, nurses, additional security on campus, etc.

4B is the Bond Initiative. The bond funds would be used for a potential new school, a day facility for treatment, and to update the aging buildings.

There are rules in place for what paid staff can talk about/advertise regarding 4A/B. The best course of action is for volunteers to talk to neighbors. 70% of homes in the district do NOT have a child in CCSD schools so the challenge is making this issue relevant to that 70%. We need to talk up the importance of school value=property values.

Yard signs will be ready for family and teacher distribution on Oct 7th. This is a concerted effort to place them all on the 7th because that is when ballots should be received.

Olivia asked Ann what is different about the messaging this year than in 2016. Ann said this is a much more “critical” point now more than ever and the messaging needs to be focused on property values. Sarah Huston commented that we need to have a sustained message both on the yard signs and social media and Ann is looking into the possibility of flyers for our neighborhood. Mr. Hardy commented that a recent report showed Colorado at #50 in teacher pay so we have to discuss these issues publicly to attract attention, get the votes. Ann Egan left the meeting.

SAC Meeting - Olivia Phillips

Olivia is representing the SAC or School Accountability Committee. They gather information from the District accountability team and provide it to Homestead. We have been very active in the DAC and decisions made this year. Olivia asked for Mr. Hardy to report on protocols or changes as a result of COVID. He reports that we are doing well but must stay consistent. It is so challenging for students as well as teachers to stay vigilant.

Especially with teachers, they don't know if they will be preparing for in-person learning and it could change at any moment. So far, we are doing it right in the district and at Homestead.

Olivia asked if there were plans for emotional support for students and teachers during these times. Mr. Hardy shared that the district has had plans in place for social/emotional support and the wellness teams are meeting regularly. The priority is to make school a supportive and safe place. For those families and classrooms that are involved with a quarantine, the school is checking in with the families to make sure they are ok, that the child is feeling good and not ostracized or bullied. Mr Hardy and Ms Lindquist plan to have "class meetings" to check in and make sure they understand it is no one's fault, it just happens, and they are all safe together.

The LMS (Learning Management Systems) that the school uses as a whole is Schoology and then different grades have a platform within that LMS. These are all systems that are actively being used in the classroom and should not come as a surprise if a student has to work remotely. The website has been updated with all the teachers and their logins and password for each class.

Next SAC meeting is November 10, 2020.

General PTCO Meeting

Sarah Huston moved and Blythe Leinwand seconded a motion to approve the minutes for the

Krissie Marotto moved and Christie Gammill seconded motion to approve the PTCO bylaws.

Presidents Report: Kelly Lewis and Amy Anderson

No president's report

Principal's Report: Chris Hardy

Mr. Hardy gave his report during the SAC meeting

Sponsorship Update - Sarah Huston and Lisa Stang

The Chuy's dinner night was a success. So far, we have raised about \$500. They will be coming out with more dining events as well as retail opportunities (Kendra Scott). The gift card and Amazon info will come out in Friday folders.

Treasurers' Report: Lara Girtin and Krissie Marotto

Lara presented the current budget. Budget was approved with Blythe Leinwand and Sarah Huston to second the motion. Krissie reminded everyone that the PTCO reimbursement form is online and you can submit electronically with a picture of receipt. Please try to keep separate receipts for your personal v. school expenses.

Community Outreach - Blythe Leinwand

The clothing and food drive was an amazing success. Williams and Malnati's also donated the remainder of jump ropes to Ponderosa and they were thrilled.

Garden - Lezlie Roosa

No report

Events Coordinator: Tina Parks

The first online Kahoot is October 2 and the cheddar-up link has gone out. Tina is working with Melissa on the Hawks Hero Week. Tina is still hopeful we can get a great speaker for a "virtual" assembly.

Communications Coordinator: Courtney Malnati

No report

Volunteer Coordinator: Kelly Kane

Kelly sent out all the new guidelines for volunteers along with a new PTCO directory. Kelly is working with Brooke Rebstock on the birthday book project.

Secretary: Christie Gammill

HOPS was a great success. We raised \$48,881 and only paid about 5.5% in fees. We had about 78% participation which is fantastic this year. The two year contract with Get Movin' is expiring and we need to decide on re-signing the agreement. Lara Girtin and Presidents will discuss.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 AM