

ACEC Board Meeting
August 23, 2021
Start time: 7:01 pm

Board Members Present: Erika Gregorius, Ashley Bath, Ashay Desai, Nicole Valencic, Sara Klawikowski, Gina Connor, Liz Bradley, Shari Hanneman, Dana Patel

Others Attending: Nate Dudenhoeffer, Jill Mach, Liz Walker, Emily Hoffman

Welcome (Gregorius):

- Not much to discuss because not much has changed
- Liz B will be representing ACEC board at open house because Erika will be unable to attend
- Minutes approved from June meeting
 - Approved by: A Desai, E Gregorius, N Valencic, G Connor, S Klawikowski, L Bradley, S Hanneman, D Patel
- Future meeting dates will be on the fourth Monday of the month (mostly) at 7:00 pm on zoom
 - September 27th, October 25th, November 22nd, December 20th, January 24th, February 21st, March 14th, April 25th, May 23rd
 - In chat: question regarding combined ACEC/RO meetings
 - Erika will reach out to RO PTO and see what works for them

Principal's Report (Bath):

- Construction is going on: the school just got the front door today, and windows are missing from office
- Block party style open house, Wednesday from 4-6 pm, will include music, food trucks, etc.
 - Items will be dropped off in the gym and teachers will take care of the rest
 - Lunch tables will be outside as well as tables for stations for different activities (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, lunch program, ACEC/music fees)
- Is anyone interested in being a lunchtime supervisor? The school needs to fill 2 spots
- Also, does anyone have any expertise in marketing? It will come in handy as we expand Alliance - looking to market our school
 - Writing a grant with Sara K through DPI and marketing background can also help with that (the community outreach aspect of it)
- The district will send out a survey to the district to determine the interest in expanding Alliance (4K-6)
 - It's meant to happen 2 years down the line
 - We are looking at facilities that would best serve us
 - Would our parents be interested in keeping their students in a 4k-6 model?

- The survey will most likely come out now that Ms Bath had the opportunity to talk to staff and board first
- Initial thought was to send out survey to parents who are already part of the school but it was brought up that it may be a good idea to send it out to the entire community to involve potential future parents
 - The expansion will occur as a several phase project
 - In 2 years, we plan to include grades 4K and 6 and then move on from there to expand to a 2 track school

Teacher Report (Connor/Klawikowski):

- Teachers are still working on updating their curriculum as mentioned last June
- Not much else to report
- Volunteers will begin sometime in October
 - Training is usually done on the same date as the September ACEC meeting and will most likely be virtual

Treasurer's Report (Gregorius):

- Jeremy is unable to be here so Erika will cover for him
- Main question he had: what do we want to do for our fall fundraiser?
 - Erika will contact the fundraising committee to see what they want to do
 - If we want to request donations like last year, Jeremy will do that, but if we want to do more traditional fundraisers, then we would have to have a committee for those (ie: butter braids, etc)
- We have the funds to order keyboards (the option presented by the Posegates was a functional keyboard that worked out well)
- Jill Mach - strategically, if we want to do a "donation ask," it should be done in the fall so that corporate grants (that match the grants) can get processed within this school year's budget
- If we can reach a \$10,000, we will be set for the year
- Bath - the school will receive the Dreambox app for the next 3 years through a grant so we will not need to use our budget toward IXL this year
 - The budget may need to cover the Freckle app, though
- Erika will reach out to Liz, Jill and Nicole (fundraising committee) to see what was discussed during the summer
- A fall ask is a great idea, with a note attached that we won't have to do a spring fundraiser if we reach our goal
 - May be a good idea to do the ask so that we don't plan something and have it be undone due to covid protocols

Open Forum:

- Emily: her kids were virtual last year, so she was wondering how specials will work this year?

- Connor: specials will take place in their own designated locations year but some precautions will be taken; gym, art, and music materials will be limited in sharing (and will use materials that can be wiped down in between classes)
 - Gym will also be outside as much as possible
- Lunch will be split between 2 classes (in the gym and multipurpose room) so that kids can be distanced a little more
- We will try to keep things similar to last year because those precautions seemed to lead to a successful school year
- Is school lunch still a bag lunch?
 - Yes and there will be 2 options: a sandwich option or an entree option
 - Fruits and vegetables amounts have been increased so that may not be served in the bagged lunch because it will not fit, but will be served as a side container instead
- Connor: if your kids are wearing masks next year - please discuss with your kids when you expect them to wear it (ie: it's ok to take the mask off outside or if you are distanced from each other)
 - Klawikowski: have at least 2 masks at the school (if masks get wet during recess - which is pretty common - they will have a backup one)
 - Dana: it would be helpful if Ms Bath puts a little blurb about that in the newsletter with tips that parents may not have thought of
 - Emily: concerned about teasing that may occur whether students mask or unmask; any choice should be respected
 - The teachers will definitely be talking to the students about this year
 - Refill station is still open but drinking fountains are turned off
 - Connor: the filters need to be replaced in the refill stations
 - Bath: this may be covered by the district
- Erika: suggestion for mask families - zip pouches for each day of the week with 2 masks each
 - Teacher note: reversing your mask half way through the day does not count as a change in mask :)
 - Students that have allergies are still allowed to use tissues
 - Jill's suggestion: using a lanyard so that the mask will always stay on your kid and masks don't get lost
- Will we be doing parent meet and greet on the first day of school (with doughnuts and coffee, similar to previous years)?
 - Due to COVID, we will not be doing that this year
 - Kindergarteners got a playground playdate already for the families to meet
 - Note that there will be a lot of new families this year so it would be nice to mingle at a level that parents are comfortable with
 - Kindergarten: it was a heavy sibling year but there are at least 7 new families, plus there are some new families in other grades
- Will there be any opportunity for the new students to see their classrooms?
 - Most likely not since the building is not ready, but the teachers will meet the class outside (on first day of school) to show the students where they need to go

Next meeting will be on September 27 at 7pm and will continue to be on zoom
If you have any questions, please reach out to parent reps (Liz, Dana, or Ashay)
If you are interested on being on the board - we have parent rep opportunities that begin in
October

Close meeting motioned by Erika G, seconded by Gina C
Meeting ended: 7:51pm