

ACEC Board Meeting

November 23, 2020

Start Time: 7:02 pm

Board Members in Attendance: Bryan Engelhardt, Nicole Valencic, Erika Gregorius, Liz Bradley, Ashley Bath, Dana Patel, Ashay Desai, Stephanie Markman, Shari Hanneman

Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm

Intro:

Meeting minutes from last month were approved.

Last month's meeting had issues with internet connection so we tried using Google Meets this time. Google Meets did not give the options that Bryan was hoping for so we will use it for tonight and perhaps switch to zoom for next time.

Principal's Report (Bath):

- Reminder that the first week of December (right after Thanksgiving break), all students will all be virtual.
- Numbers were pretty similar for students going back to in person and virtual so the classes will stay similar to how they are currently set up.

Teacher Report (Markman):

- Please make sure students bring appropriate clothing (such as layers) for the colder winter weather.
- Friday afternoons are being used for collaborative planning to bridge the gap between in person and virtual has been very helpful. Teachers are grateful to be able to do this since they need to be even more collaborative this year than before.
- Thank you for the meals that were provided from the conferences!

Education Coordinator (Valencic):

- Nicole hasn't had too much feedback with what the parents and teachers need.
 - Has mostly helped Bardosy and Connor, can put together spreadsheets or do labelling or anything that will make the teachers' work easier.
 - Are there any needs or wants that she can help with?
 - Markman: perhaps see if Sara K needs anything. Mrs Markman will reach out at the next Friday meeting to see if any teachers can use help.
 - Will also need help in February for parent information nights.

Treasurer Report:

- Jeremy was not present to give specific numbers.
- We are around (approximately) \$4000 instead of the \$6000 goal. Parent reps and teachers were asked to do another push to ask for donations to reach our goal.
 - Perhaps try a Facebook message or send a letter home with the kids (flyer).
 - Erika can put something on the FB page again
 - Incentives for classroom to get students excited
 - One parent shared that their child offered their artwork in exchange for donations as an incentive for family members and friends to donate. It could be nice for them to receive something thoughtful in exchange.

Spirit Wear Drive (Bradley and Clover):

- The idea was to have a logo that brings the two schools together (as well as virtual and in person together): S.T.A.R. - Students Together Alliance and Roosevelt
- They are working with a local screen print company to sell clothing with either the Neenah Rockets logo or the Neenah STAR logo in adult and children sizes.
- The question is how to do the pricing - since this is a fundraiser, \$5 profit per item would be the intended goal. Or should the prices be set at a more affordable price for a lower profit price?
 - After discussion, it was decided that the \$5 profit price is still affordable
- It would be helpful to get a flyer sent out soon so that the orders can be delivered before winter break
- Mindy was in charge of previous apparel wear - orders were through New Hype Solutions and they had to meet a minimum order. At that time, profits were \$2.50 or \$1.00 for sweatshirts or t-shirts. The school did not make a lot of money with this but it was pushed at open house and many new parents would make purchases.
 - We do have some Alliance clothing that could be sold for pure profit
 - Perhaps use this surplus as a fundraiser in the spring as a separate event
- Deadline for the orders will be December 11th and pick up will be December 21st at school.
 - Have a morning pick up time so that parents can pick up the clothing during morning drop off as well as an afternoon pickup time for parents who would like to pick up after school.
 - Virtual students would have to mail or send in the check in to the office or drop off in the Thursday folders and in person would bring checks in to school.
 - We are going to skip the online forum for the first round of sales
- Bryan will forward the flyer to the teachers so that they can forward it to the parents.
- Liz needs to touch base with Clarrisa from the Roosevelt P.T.O so that they can coordinate.
- The pricing on the spreadsheet will be adjusted so that there will be the same profit price per item.

Band Update (Gregorius):

- Unfortunately, there will not be a virtual band option for the 5th and 6th graders.
- The administrators told them there would not be an option, even with the offer that they would be willing to pay the substitute teacher to teach the virtual class.
- The district was not in support for getting the 5th and 6th graders an option to do band as virtual students.

Open Forum:

- Parent question: Any updates about keyboarding at Alliance?
 - Bath: we will hold off on that since there are concerns with doing it safely with the space allotted at school.

Summary: minutes approved, all students will be virtual for the week after Thanksgiving break, please have students dress more warmly for recess in the colder winter weather, more letters/emails will be sent out for the fall fundraiser, S.T.A.R. clothing fundraiser details discussed, band will not be an option for virtual 5th/6th graders next semester.

As always, if parents have any other questions or follow up comments, please feel free to email Bryan or their parent reps.

Meeting ended at 7:56 pm