

ACEC Board Meeting:

Start Time: 7:01 pm

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

Meeting was called to order by Bryan Engelhardt.

Intro:

A parent had asked if ACEC meeting dates are set in advance and Bryan informed them that they are. The dates can be found on the [Alliance Council website](#). (Future dates include meetings on November 23rd, December 21st, January 25th, February 22nd, March 15th, April 26th, and May 24th.)

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Principal's Report (Bath):

- Ms Bath introduced the new school motto: S.T.A.R. (Soaring Together Alliance and Roosevelt).
 - This was created during a leadership group this summer.
 - The group's aim with this motto is to unite both schools and create a sense of community rather than have two schools sharing one building.
 - The plan is to use this phrase (and possibly a mascot related to this motto) during the spring fundraiser.

Teacher's Report (Bardosy & Markman):

- The school district is planning on sending out another survey soon to see if parents want their children to be virtual or in school for the second semester.
- Alliance teachers would like parents to start thinking about what they want to do going forward. They will send out their own survey (before the district sends out their survey) to see what parents at our school are planning on doing so that they can use this information to start planning for next semester.
 - The decision regarding Montessori virtual classes will be based on numbers. At least 20 students are needed to create each virtual class (K/1/2 and 3/4/5).
 - One class that contains students from K-5 will not be an option.
 - If the numbers change from what they currently are, the teachers will have to get creative with the arrangement of the virtual class. Classrooms were rearranged in order to make this semester work and classrooms may get rearranged again to make next semester work, dependent on if the numbers change drastically.
 - Most likely, there will be shuffling at the semester (students potentially switching from in school to virtual or virtual to in school) but if the numbers stay the same, then the classes will likely remain the same. If the numbers change where the 20 student threshold is not met, then teachers need to prepare so that they can

rearrange in school classrooms again to deal with increased in person students. If the numbers change where there will be more virtual students, then teachers need to prepare in case there is a need for another virtual class.

- The Alliance staff will create the survey and send it out at a later time.

Treasure Report (Ondresky):

- This year's school [budget](#): Because we spent less last year and since some families may be more financially strapped this year, it might be prudent to rethink our budget. We also don't know if keyboards will take place this year. The idea for fundraising this year is to use what we didn't spend last year and ask for a donation request from parents (to total \$6000). We will see how the funds are being used and then decide in the spring if another fundraiser will be needed, and, if so, how much we will need to raise.
 - The teachers want to make sure that keyboards were still accounted for in this version of the budget since money is supposed to be set aside for keyboards specifically.
 - There is \$1300-\$1500 from keyboards that was in excess. If we do collect keyboarding fees this year, it would be set aside for new keyboards for next year. Six keyboards are in the budget for this year but it is dependent on how much is raised from the donation fundraiser, how our budget gets spent this year, and how much money will be spent in the spring.
 - Also noted was that music folders for the year were donated but keyboarding books were not purchased this year so there is no keyboarding expense yet for this year.
 - There was also a question regarding the number of teachers (listed as 5 instead of 6) under the curriculum training section - Jeremy answered that this number is from the previous year (adjusted to 5 since Peters and Oostdik had left) but will be adjusted to 6 teachers in next year's budget.
 - \$12,000 is mentioned as the budget goal for the whole year in the email but the fall donation email will ask for \$50/student which will total \$6,000.
 - Jeremy said that if the school receives the \$6000 for the fall, plus \$6000+ from last year/various grants, then we would need to account for \$4000 in the spring. That would afford for everything that is in the expenses column.
 - A parent asked if donating online is an option
 - Jeremy thought it would be easiest to just set up mailed check donations to the school. He is open to the online option but does not know who to contact to set it up. He is willing to work with someone who has experience from last year's "I Heart Montessori" fundraiser drive to help set it up.
 - Jill Mach wrote that Jon Joch is the contact at the main office and Kristi Clover volunteered to help set it up with Jeremy.
- Ashay motioned to vote on the budget. Mrs. Markman seconded it. Votes were recorded online and the motion passed.

- Voting yes: Liz Bradley, Ashay Desai, Shari Hanneman, Nicole Valencic, Becky Bardosy, Stephanie Markman, Bryan Englehardt, Dana Patel, Erika Gregorius, Jeremy Ondresky
- The spring fundraiser will be related to S.T.A.R. and the new mascot. For now, it is scheduled to be discussed in January.
 - Liz B. and Kristi C. agreed to take it on as a Christmas fundraiser. At the next meeting (November 21st), we will know how much funding was raised from donations and decide if we need to move forward with a future fundraiser - potentially for winter break (Christmas for some as it will be spiritwear).

Open Forum:

- We may switch to a different version of video chat due because of problems that occurred during this meeting.
- Erika G: She reached out to get 5th/6th graders to get to do virtual band lessons (this is different from our keyboarding program).
 - She attended a music meeting with Mrs. Rooney and some of the other music educators to figure out how to provide band to the students virtually in the second semester. The music staff is very overstaffed at the moment so it was a matter of finding a teacher to be able to do it. If your child is a 5th grader, please let Erika know (edgregorius@gmail.com) if they are interested in playing a band instrument so we can get a program started next semester. If it gets approved, the teachers want to give enough time for students to get their instruments.
 - In school students are currently taking band lessons - looks different: smaller groups, covered instruments, try to keep it outside as much as possible

Summary of decisions made: minutes were approved, S.T.A.R. is the new school motto and will be used for (potential) spring fundraiser and apparel, a survey will be sent out by the Alliance staff regarding second semester, fall fundraiser letter will be sent out, the 2020/2021 budget was approved, and please let Erika know if your 5th grader is interested in virtual band class for 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 was brought to a close at 7:55pm.