

ACEC Board Meeting - February 21, 2022

Start Time: 7:04 pm

Board Members Attending: Shari H, Ashley B, Erika G, Chris J, Gina Connor, Jeremy O, Jill M, Sara K, Liz, Nicole V, Kristi C

Others: Ashay D, Mary Beth, Nate D, Emily

Principal's Report (Bath):

- Ms Bath has to leave so she will present the principal's report before Erika's welcome points
- Kindergarten lottery was today
 - Number of people applying for kindergarten spots was less this year
- The teachers will take a tour of Wilson Elementary this afternoon
 - Families will be invited to check out the building in the near future
- Parent Conferences are coming up soon (beginning of March)
- March is a busy month with more PLD days and other vacation days
- Heckrodt experience is finishing up

Welcome (Gregorius):

- Motion to approve minutes from January by Erika, seconded by Shari
 - Approved by: Chris, Erika, Liz, Nicole, Jill, Kristi, Shari, Jeremy, Sara
- Ashay will take over for parent rep for grades 1/2/3
 - Motion to approve Ashay for 1/2/3 parent rep by Erika, seconded by Gina
 - Approved by: Jeremy, Jill, Gina, Liz, Chris, Nicole, Erika, Kristi, Sara, Shari
- Parent Teacher Conference Meals
 - Erika discussed the meals with Roosevelt's PTO prior to this meeting
 - Majority of teachers voted for catered meals
 - ACEC will take one night (March 3rd), Roosevelt will take one night (March 8th), and we will split the Friday lunch (it will be Costco sandwich tray along with a cake) (March 11th)
 - Erika will take charge of the March 11th meal for both the schools and we will split costs after the fact
 - We will have parents volunteer to bring in plates, bowls, water, silverwar, etc using a sign up genius to save on costs
 - Kristi C volunteered to bring drinks (Ms Bath can send favorite teacher drinks list to her)
 - Erika will coordinate with Roosevelt to see if they can bring other things
 - Parent suggestion: Mohnen's Family Restaurant (in Darboy) makes pre-made food trays

- Nicole can get the menu and coordinate food delivery
- The soups could be put in crockpots and other food may need to be heated before being served
- Keyboards: Mrs Allen has enough room for the ukuleles in the cabinet; only 3 keyboards are left and it is open for Roosevelt to take them as well
- Huge thank you to our teachers for putting in so much time and effort into the grant writing process

Teacher Report (Connor/Klawikowski):

- The grant was submitted on Wednesday: 131 pages for \$700,000 from DPI; have not heard back from them and probably won't until April or May
 - There is a possibility of peer review if something is missing and we will have 2 weeks to fix whatever needs to be fixed
- Heckrodt program is going well; several classes are coming up in the next week or two
- Alliance Olympics: set up in the gym, was a lot of fun, kindergarten will not partake in it
- Kindergarten will be going to PAC in March
- It is Montessori week - snuck up on the teachers because of their focus on the grant process; Kelly Ellington will come in to do yoga with the school; students will be discussing Maria Montessori; will work on improving student-made videos for future parent slideshows
- Our enrollment for kindergarten is currently full but, with families moving and our waitlist being pretty short this year, there is a good chance of getting in this year
 - There is no (or minimal) waitlist for all of the other grades
 - Third grade can be a tricky year to start Montessori, but most kids figure it out pretty quickly; by 4th and 5th grade, they "restart" the Montessori albanesi cards so students transition to and catch up with Montessori learning quickly

Budget Report (Ondresky):

- No big changes
- The big unknown would be teacher training budget, so Jeremy will reach out to the teachers to see what they are planning to do
- Sara K: will do her Montessori training soon (\$3500)

Open Forum:

- Create a document for ideas or concerns that we have for future building
 - For example: bussing as an option, ideas on how to make our student population more diverse
 - Parent comment: It should be pretty easy to create a google doc and make it open to share if people need a space to pop in ideas
 - Don't necessarily need a committee for this
- Ice skating at the plaza?

- Ice skating at Green Park did not work
- The district is not allowing field trips until the end of February and March is very busy so teachers decided not to do it this year
- Kristi asked about a potential Science Fair: previously, students were informed in December and the fair was in January
 - So is it too late to do it this year?
 - Gina Connor recommended having "Game Night" again, through Gnome games
 - Roosevelt is also planning a game night so Kristi will talk to them to coordinate
- Our next meeting will be on March 14th due to spring break schedule
- Motion to close meeting Erika, second by Gina at 7:42 pm