

ACEC Board Meeting: February 22, 2021

Board Members Present: Ashley Bath, Bryan Engelhardt, Dana Patel, Deanna Standorf, Liz Bradley, Erika Gregorius, Sara Klawikowski, Nicole Valencic, Ashay Desai, Jeremy Ondresky, Shari Hanneman

Others Present: Jill Mach, Gina Connor, Kristi Clover, Mary Beth Hendrickson, Mindy Greis

Joint Meeting began at 6:30 pm (Clarissa Theobald & Bryan Engelhardt)

Discussion regarding parent-teacher conferences

- Liz B. and Nicole V. volunteered to handle the ACE portion of this
- Roosevelt will take care of dinners on March 4th and ACE will take care of dinners on March 9th
 - Boxed meals will be provided (Pappas Cafe, Zuppas, Qdoba and Jimmy Johns were suggested)
 - Roosevelt has already decided to provide boxed meals from Great Harvest
- It was decided that Jeremy can call with the credit card number to place the orders ahead of time for Alliance
- March 12th meal (lunch) will be split between both schools
 - ACE will take the lead
 - Last year, Snaps Wraps was used for the lunch order; decided to use them again this year since the teachers liked it last year
 - Clarissa will email over the menu to Liz

Kristi Clover: asked if 1 or 2 Roosevelt parents would be interested in joining Alliance so that Roosevelt students can join in with the virtual activities outside of school hours

- Clarissa will help facilitate on the Roosevelt side

Joint meeting ended at 6:40 pm

Interim discussion:

- Jeremy mentioned that there will be an updated check amount waiting for Kristi Clover for the virtual paint night activity
- Mrs Klawikowski noted that some teachers are not on the parent rep email lists and requested that the appropriate teachers be added to the relevant email lists
- Bryan noted that the proposal for adding 4K/6th grade (and increased space) has been submitted but there is no update besides that

ACEC Meeting started at 7:00pm

Welcome/Expectations/Introductions (Engelhardt)

- Bryan mentioned that everyone's comments and perspectives are welcome
- Last month's meeting minutes were approved

Principal Report (Bath)

- Lottery will be on Wednesday - parents will be notified within the following week
 - Erika, Shari, Deanna, & Ashley will be present
 - 38/39 students applied
 - Responding to a parent question, Ms. Bath answered that even if a sibling does not go attend 4K through NJSD, a kindergarten spot will be held for them
- Students are excited for paint night
- Staff connected with Al Brandt (from Appleton school district) last week and were informed that he plans to retire after this year

Teacher Report (Standorf & Klawikowski)

- Mrs K mentioned that Dr Eric's Skate Club will come to Washington Park on March 3rd from 1-3pm
 - Parents have to be present (so students cannot be dropped off)
 - It is asked the safe social distancing practices are applied
 - Skates will be available to borrow
 - May be cancelled if the weather is too warm
- In person 1/2/3 classes (Mrs K and Mrs Connor's classes) will be going to Buboltz on March 17th (1-3 pm) for \$3.50/student
 - An email has not been sent yet so the response is varied but parents can feel free to email their teacher if they plan to participate
 - Students can be dropped off for this activity if parent phone number/contact info is left with the teacher
- Heckrodt field trips are still ongoing and the students really seem to enjoy them

Treasurer Report (Ondresky)

- Evaluate need for spring fundraiser
 - \$19,110 in the [budget](#); we have spent \$6,463 for the year
 - \$2000 set for teacher training, \$7000 set for keyboards, \$2000 set for classroom supplies or safety related items
 - We shouldn't have to worry about spring fundraising
- Budget question: would we have money for the outside virtual activities/experiences (for example, to cover costs for the minute-to-win-it games during virtual night this Thursday)?

- It was suggested that the money could be supplied from the classroom supplies budget if approved by the board
- The teachers mentioned that the money in the enrichment budget could also cover these activities
 - This year, the money was zeroed out from the budget due to (pandemic-related) circumstances
 - \$200 from the supplies budget could get placed toward this
 - It was noted, at this time, that next year's budget will look more like 2019's budget
- Donations are also an option; usually there are parents who are willing to donate specific items if they have advanced notice
- Bryan - Motion: \$200 from supplies budget be moved to the enrichment activities in the budget
 - Motion seconded and discussion suggested (no added comments to previous budget discussion)
 - Motion passed; aye votes: Liz B, Nicole V, Jeremy O, Bryan E, Ashay D, Erika G, Deanna S, Dana P, Shari H
- Discuss Venmo account for ACEC
 - Per Jeremy, there are no fees associated with it as long as you don't use a credit card
 - Statements could be used for accountability
 - For example, it could be used for paint night or donations for the fall fundraiser
 - Paypal was suggested as another option (by a parent)
 - Jeremy suggested that we could start with Venmo and see how often it is used and see how it goes
 - Bryan - Motion to vote: Move for a trial run of a venmo account for the rest of the spring activities, conditional that it is not expensive
 - Motion seconded by Liz
 - Discussion:
 - We should confirm that there is no cost to start or close the account
 - Motion passed; aye votes: Bryan E, Shari H, Erika G, Ashay D, Nicole V, Dana P, Liz B, Jeremy O
 - Bryan asked the question: what accounts are open?
 - Nicolet National Bank Account (a nonprofit account) and a CD money market account
 - The current owner (treasurer) transfers the ownership to the next treasurer when their term is done

Discussion of March/April Student Outing with Board Funding (Bradley)
 Paint night:

- 65 people are expected to participate this Thursday from 6-7pm
- The paintings are provided by Rooster Dreams and include pre-drawn canvases so there was no need for instruction but they were hoping for volunteers to increase social interactions
 - If someone still wishes to do this but cannot make it on Thursday night, they can reach out to them (Rooster Dreams) to get a kit of their choice
- Each break out room will have 8-10 kids (number of kids depends on the painting) and parent or teacher volunteer will help facilitate conversations and minute-to-win-it games
 - 3 more volunteers are needed to help moderate these groups
 - Ashay D volunteered to supervise the sloth group, Gina C volunteered to supervise the llama group, and Nicole V volunteered to supervise the outer space group

Future events:

- Suggestion that the activities take place on different nights every month (rotating nights) so that all families have a chance to participate
- If this Thursday night works out, we can try to plan more events (like Bingo)
 - The plan is to wait to plan the next outing after we see how the break out rooms work for this night
 - There is a long list of ideas that include virtual and in person activities but the plan is to keep activities virtual until the summer
 - Perhaps send out a survey to get parent opinions on virtual versus in person outings
 - Bryan noted that perhaps the June board meeting could also be an in-person meeting

Open Forum

No comments

Summary: parent-teacher meals sorted out during the joint meeting, Kristi reached out to Roosevelt parents to join for virtual nights, minutes approved, kindergarten lottery will take place on Wednesday, Dr Eric's skate club will take place on March 3rd, Bubolz activity will take place on March 17th, spring fundraiser is not necessary but money in the budget will be redistributed to account for virtual activities, venmo account will be explored, recap of activities for Thursdays virtual paint night activity and discussion of possible future student outings

Meeting ended at 7:50 pm