

ACEC Board Meeting
March 15, 2021
Start time: 7:02pm

Board Members Present: Ashley Bath, Bryan Engelhardt, Erika Gregorius, Erica Cates, Nicole Valencic, Dana Patel, Jeremy Ondresky, Shari Hanneman, Liz Bradley

Others Attending: Jill Mach, Mary Beth Hendrickson, Kristi Clover

Welcome/Introductions (Englehardt):

- Minutes approved from last month's meeting
- Yearbook can be ordered online using this [site](#) and typing in Roosevelt/Alliance
 - The link will be closed on March 22nd

Principal's Report (Bath):

- Discussion of what to do for 5th graders end of year activities
 - Options include (but are not limited to) having yard signs (like last year), outdoor activities (this is approved by the district)
 - If you have any ideas, please send them by email to Mrs Bath
 - According to Mrs Cates, the bike ride at the end of the year has been ok'd (will be further discussed this Wednesday)
 - Bike clinic: kids bring their bikes and go through safety drill stations
 - Wheel and Sprocket and the police department will also there to check the bikes
 - The bike ride will follow the following week
 - This year, kids will be placed in groups based on their classroom
 - Parent volunteers will be needed
 - The kids will bring their own lunches (will be delivered by a teacher to the park)
 - The Dairy Queen aspect of the bike ride may be a little different this year - details are still being worked out
 - The 5th grade breakfast is being considered but may have to be postponed for another year
 - Pancake Man was suggested but it would not be covid safe
 - Could potentially be catered
 - Question that was asked: What are the parent expectations for this?: based on conferences, parents are most hopeful for the bike ride

Teacher Report (Cates & Bardosy):

- Reminder for the Bubolz trip for Mrs Connor & Mrs Klawikowski's classes - this is the optional field trip on Wednesday to learn about maple syrup

- Also a reminder about yearbook book orders as mentioned in the welcome section

Treasurer Report (Ondresky):

- Should we make a formal vote on dismissing or keeping the spring fundraiser?
 - Per Jeremy, the spring fundraiser is not necessary at this point based on the [budget](#)
 - Teacher feedback would be appreciated regarding their classroom expenses so that we know (more specifically) how much money they will need for classroom materials
 - Jeremy sent an email yesterday to see if the teachers had any needs for their classrooms
 - Mrs Bardosy would like to delay the vote for one more month so that the teachers could discuss what their needs are (they haven't had a chance to discuss it yet due to parent conferences/PLD days)
 - Decided to wait until next month to vote if a spring fundraiser is necessary
- Also decided to add discussion of next year's fall fundraiser during one of this year's ACEC meetings
 - If the board wants to change the type of fundraiser (like having a fun run rather than asking for donations), it would be helpful to have additional planning time before September

Enrollment By-Laws Ad-hoc Committee (Bardosy):

- The group met to discuss the issue the discussion became moot after the teachers met with Al Brant who informed them that we needed to follow the district's policy
 - We would need a district-wide policy on enrollment in place and it does not currently exist
- There were several key discussion points, though, that may be useful to discuss when we rewrite our by-laws
 - Students who are unexcused for 10 consecutive days would give up their spot to the next person on the waiting list
 - This would start after a 2 week absence (so after a 20 day total absence)
 - Our district, however, does not have a policy so that needs to be sorted out first before we can determine our disenrollment policy
 - There was a discussion of "once an alliance family, always an alliance family"
 - For a child that has been disenrolled with cause (for example, they left the school because it was not a good fit for the child), they should not go to the top of the waitlist if they want to re-enroll
 - This would not necessarily be the case for the siblings or students who unenrolled due to circumstances beyond their control (like moving)

- Questions also arose about what the status would be for students who left due to a move but then return to the area but are out of district
- The language in our charter should be formalized for the lottery so there isn't second guessing (for example, regarding an application deadline or the lottery date)
- When a student does disenroll for cause, maybe do an exit interview so that we can improve our school

Teacher Appreciation Week (Gregorius):

- Make the teacher's Amazon wish lists available
 - Might be a good idea to have these year round
 - Would be helpful for teachers to send their links so that we can send it out to parents who choose to use it
- Propose that we put together a teacher appreciation committee, especially after a trying year like this year
 - Parent reps can also send out an email to other parents to see if they are interested if less than 3 people volunteer
 - Erika G, Liz B, Jill M volunteered
- Teacher Appreciation week is in May so Erika would like to get started after spring break
- Bryan mentioned that this email may also be a good opportunity to get new parents involved with the board meetings and get fresh ideas
- Any ideas, please email Erika at edgregorius@gmail.com
- It was also mentioned that there was a [slideshow](#) with teacher favorites from last year so that it can be used by the kids to make cards, presents, etc.

Student Activity Night for April or May (Bradley/Clover):

- The plan is to have a virtual bingo night (as well as a couple of minute to win it games) for later in April
 - Teachers noted that Forward testing is in the middle of April so they asked to plan around that
- Keep the cost low cost by asking parents to donate some of the items for the minute to win it games (these were a hit at the last virtual gathering)
- Kristi also asked if there will be a field day this year?
 - There are a lot of ideas that they can put toward that so they will have to get in touch with Mr Brookins to discuss it
- Have not heard anything from Roosevelt PTO but we need their parent involvement for the break rooms if they will be involved to cover the extra student participation
 - Mrs Cates will have Roosevelt teachers get in touch with their school board/Roosevelt parents so that students from both schools can be involved

Open Forum:

- Side note from previous discussion: Chris from Rooster Dreams (where the materials for the virtual paint night came from) has her summer art camp sessions listed on her website
- Summer school listings were also posted today

Summary: Link for yearbook orders, discussion of 5th grade end of year activities, discussion regarding a spring fundraiser, review of the discussion from the enrollment by-laws ad-hoc committee, committee put together for Teacher Appreciation week, bingo night for the next virtual outing

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm