

ACEC Board Meeting: January 25, 2021

Board members present: Ashley Bath, Bryan Engelhardt, Sara Klawikowski, Ashay Desai, Dana Patel, Erika Gregorius, Liz Bradley, Stephanie Markman, Jeremy Ondresky, Nicole Valencic, Shari Hanneman

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Intro:

Minutes from last month were approved.

Next month (February 22) we will have a joint meeting with Roosevelt's PTO group so the meeting will start earlier at 6:30 pm.

Principal's Report (Bath):

- The entire school will be focusing on increasing reading stamina during the month of February
 - State assessments (for grades 3-5) will be coming up soon and this will help our students prepare
- Students will have their "field trips" with Heckrodt next month

Teacher Report (Markman and Klawikowski):

Markman: Virtual classrooms will have an upcoming virtual field trip: a live free concert

- also , iReady testing is starting this month

Klawikowski: Information about RIF and Bubolz field trip

- RIF: every student gets \$15 to spend toward scholastic books, you cannot order online, for virtual students, you have to drop off the form or email Mrs Markman or Mrs Bardosy with the student's request
- Permission was granted for Mrs Connor and Mrs K's classes to participate in a field trip to go to Bubolz to see how syrup is made
 - Since it is on a virtual Wednesday, it is not mandatory and students will need to be dropped off (if parents do not plan to stay, they will need to leave contact information with the teachers)
 - Cost is \$3 per child
 - Will take place some time in March

Form Enrollment By-Laws Ad Hoc Committee (Engelhardt):

- Goal: to have a discussion in March (not the next meeting) to decide on the wording of by-laws related to enrollment and, more specifically, disenrollment
 - For situations of extended absence or if someone pulls out their child but then have a younger sibling coming in or other circumstances

- Flexibility with each situation is important but it will be good to have some guidelines to follow
- Per Mrs Bath: Appleton Montessori school - has online applications where families can apply at any point throughout the school year
- Mrs Bardosy is interested in being on the committee but doesn't want to chair it
 - Parent volunteers to join the committee: Shari Hanneman, Erika Gregorius, Liz Bradley

Determine Lottery Committee (Engelhardt/Gregorius):

- This year is a "high sibling" year, meaning that many of the spots for the incoming kindergarten class have been taken by siblings of current/previous Alliance students
- Erika provided an overview of how the lottery works:
 - Siblings of current and past Alliance students are first granted spots
 - The remaining prospective students are given a ticket (this is sorted by grade and in-district/out-of-district) and those tickets are randomly selected to fill the remaining open spots (using blind selection process). A waitlist is formed once all open seats are filled.
 - Kindergarten has the longest waitlist
 - Applicants are notified within a week of their placement into the school (an email from Mrs Johnson) and letters of commitment are required to be returned by a certain date (about 2 weeks after the letter are received)
 - If there is no response or the family declines, the next child on the waitlist is offered the spot
 - The lottery process needs to be supervised by the Principal and two ACEC Board members
- This year's lottery is on February 24th - Erika G. and Shari H. volunteered to be present during the process

Parent Teacher Conference Meals (Engelhardt/Gregorius):

- Due to Covid, we need to have something catered in for the teachers during conferences (previously, there was a sign up genius and parents volunteered to bring food)
- Per Erika: last time Roosevelt picked a restaurant and Alliance picked a restaurant, and the teachers filled out a google form with their meal requests. Last time Zuppas was picked since it is a favorite of the teachers.
- The parent who volunteers for this position will need to coordinate with the teachers to see what they want and then place the orders
- Parent volunteers: Liz Bradley and Nicole Valencic

Discussion of Roller Skating (and other events) alternatives (Bradley):

- The idea is to help students to build relationships outside of school hours - could potentially do something virtual or something outside

- Bath: if it is not school sponsored, then the sky's the limit with options and there's minimal limitations
- Kristi Clover volunteered to help as well
- If anyone has any ideas, please feel free to join in the conversation/brainstorming (email Liz at eonorman@gmail.com)
- Suggestions: for older students - playing Among Us, sledding, geocaching (could do it telephone style so there is less contact), ice skating field trip (through Mrs K's brother in law) - free ice skating, small group Balderdash and Bingo, Heckrodt has a great outdoor center, pen pals, outdoor obstacle course, zoom safari (need to check to see if this is even an option)
 - May be best if it is something in walking distance so that kids aren't reliant on parents to get them to the activities
 - School iPads would be allowed for use
 - In terms of planning: every Thursday is virtual material pick up days

Open Forum:

No comments

Summary: minutes approved, Heckrodt and Bubolz (for 1/2/3 classes) field trips are coming up, iReady testing (winter session) is taking place, Enrollment By-Laws Ad Hoc Committee was formed, lottery committee was formed, parents volunteered to help plan teacher meals for parent teacher conferences, and many suggestions were given for activities outside of school to replace roller skating events

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

Meeting ended at 7:41pm