

Edgar Road Elementary Virtual PTO Mtg Sept. 3, 2020

In attendance: Katie Rengel, Kathryn Drennen, Hether Goff, KatyProffer- Board Members Lindsey Brown, Jennifer Gates, Elisa Reeves, Lucy Parker, Lydia Diedrich, Jennah Bartels, Julie Wuch, Betsy Moppert, Lori Buchanan, Becky Piening, Kathryn Drennen, Lynn Kerrigan, Sarah Schwartz, Mary Jo Condon, Kevin Gates, Debbie Strom, Phil Faber

6:35 Introductions of those present

Katy Proffer, President- First Virtual PTO Meeting. Thanks everyone for coming. Thanks to teachers & staff for your commitment.

PTO Parent Teacher Organization. Parents, grandparents, caregivers & educators belong here. Please always feel welcome to come forward with ideas.

Our purpose is to provide funds & services to benefit the school.

All in-person PTO events are cancelled while school is all-virtual. Taking district's lead to limit social interactions. Last school year cut short. Couldn't finish year end business. Elections, budget, fundraisers. Tonight is heavy on business. Later on we hope to focus on community & brainstorm ideas for bringing us together.

Voted to approve March minutes.

Voted to approve interim board 15/15. One abstain. (We did put out nominating form. No one came forward.)

Draft Budget presented. We are operating conservatively, only guaranteeing that we will have about 10K to pay out teacher grants at the beginning of next year. HOWEVER, we DO still plan to do some fundraising & plan to have more income to work with. We will adjust budget as needed. Amber asked about in-person events—Avery Back-to-School event. Schools have been asked to cancel in-person events.

Lori asked questions about missing Expense items (babysitting, etc). Kathryn clarified why those items were zeroed out & that we can be very fluid with the budget by asking for a vote per by-laws. Debbie asked about trivia being our major fundraiser. We usually raise around 25-30K.

Kathryn will be advertising for helpers with virtual fundraiser ideas.

Heather supports committee chairs. Need a chair for Virtual Coffees—social times via Zoom? Need a chair for Penny Drives. Dr. Wuch has ideas for Penny Drives. Buzz Book-Jen Gates will work with Lisa Eckert when she returns. Becky asked about kids from other schools who are in Edgar homerooms. Dr. Wuch shared that working with the other schools presents many challenges. We will probably have a school buzz book & individual classrooms can share info themselves. Becky reiterated that we need to think about bridging the gaps. Elisa shared how parents are making efforts to connect. Why can't we put them in our Buzz Book? Dr. Wuch will reach out to the other principals. Amber asked about Buzz Book safety & what we can/cannot publish. Where are privacy/digital guidelines? Lydia asked if we can link the Buzz Book to

parent portal. Parents have to agree to student photos being used on Social Media. Maybe Amber can get the list/photos from Lisa.

Debbie updated us on Box Tops. She will post info about how to get credit virtually.

Katie recognized Colin Purcell & Debbie Strom for beautifying efforts.

Katy will post the Sign Up Genius (for volunteering with committees) link on Facebook & send out the link to the whole school in next week's Paw Print.

Dr. Wuch-School Update

Enrollment is down 20 students. Expect that we will gain at least 20 students when we return. (Homeschool, private, a few moved away.)

K-1 virtual, Cocos sharing with Clark

1st-Griggs, Givens

3rd-Clukies, Clark

4th-Kindle all ERS, Mr. Keller is teaching part Givens & part Clark.

5th-Lee, Givens

Staff is working to communicate with other schools & it's getting better & better.

Curbside pick-up. Can we incorporate Penny Drive & Box Tops turn in with Pick Up which are about every other week on Thurs. We could have a representative sit out & collect \$. No congregating but we can have people drop off \$ in the evening.

Construction started slowly. Wheelchair ramp is complete. Second vestibule is in progress, by front door. They installed reinforced glass on existing front doors & new vestibule doors.

Elevator construction has been very slow due to broken sewer pipes. Something to think about:

This is all new. Please don't hesitate to let Julie know your perspective & what you feel she needs to know. Admin is always open to feedback. Also, most teachers are teaching from school. They are working very hard. Send POSITIVE VIBES to teachers!!!

Becky reminded us that we need to get the Teacher Favorite lists to parents to show their appreciation. Heather will get those out soon.

Julie (Dr. Wuch) asked about the PRIDE video. Who watched/liked it? Is it worth the time?

Becky & Debbie mentioned tech issues with Sunday Scoop & School Messenger messages getting cut off & sent to Promotions. Parent expressed desire to have Sunday Scoop in an email form.

Jenny offered to help with Community Building. As a new family, building connections is really important!

Meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.