



President

Christine: Welcoming new families, introduced Heather Weston. Look at proposed budget and the general membership will vote on it to be approved or not. The budget is going to look different and pretty stripped down.

We need to have our annual PTA board elections. They usually happen in May, this year they will happen before October 31st. Elections will be held at our next general PTA meeting. Returning parents and new parents should run for the positions. The minimum needs to be a president, a secretary and a treasurer. Consider running for a position on the exec board. The nominating committee is the committee who is responsible for putting the election together.

Treasurer

Erika: The first line you see is our checking acct balance as of 8/27 at \$81K. The expenses listed there are expected to come out of last year's budget. The 5th grade number will change things. The \$80K is the goal and will mostly come through the direct appeal. Fundraising events in person had to come out. There may be some virtual events at the end of the year. Possibly will have an online auction with a goal of \$25K. Garden enrichment (Hillary) is being kept this year. Will help with recess and supplement with science. Committees will have a low budget of \$750 for the year. Contingency grant for school will possibly go toward text books and supplies for students. PT librarian that is also something Erica Davis wants. If we reach all our fundraising goals hopefully we'll have \$15K left over at the end of the year.

Fundraising

Kim: The way we tackled putting together this budget. It reflects Erika Davis's priorities. We're really going to have to rely on the direct appeal because fundraising events are not going to be what it was. This budget was done with a lot of collaboration with Erica Davis.

President

Christine: When we vote we will do it via chat. Yes or no/approve or disapprove. If no one has any budget related questions, let's vote on the 2020-2021 budget. And the budget was approved.

Volunteer Coordinator

Heather on behalf of Jackie: We are giving out supplies for fully remote families. Erica wants us to pull from the classrooms to hand out to families at 261 on Thursday or Friday

from 9am. Jackie is getting some volunteers together to help organize that. I will be sending an email out in a lil bit regarding this.

Beth: We are looking to make some signage for the outside of the building. We are in search of a graphic designer to help direct the cohorts by color. It's a quick turnaround. We have the copy we just need the design.

Wellness Committee

Andrea: Traditionally we do a lot of fun things that are very hands on that involve eating. Unfortunately most of those things won't be able to happen right now. One day it will return. For now we are here to support our community. We'll talk about virtual stress relief and healthy recipes. We are doing a virtual 5K on October 3rd. Just click the link that is in the agenda and sign up to be on the 261 team. All the money we raise will go to Feeding America. We meet the first Friday of every month at 8am. The Zoom link also went out in the agenda.

Afterschool Committee

Nancy: We do not have permission to operate our afterschool program. We are going to have an AS committee meeting one week from today. Contact me for the Zoom link in advance. I am going to try and pivot to work with parents to find childcare ideas.

Book Committee

Danielle: Our mission is to support literacy. We support teachers and the librarians initiatives. We are doing a virtual read-a-thon. Online book fair, the link to it is in the agenda. The school gets a proceed of the book sales.

Garden Committee

Nadine: Co-chair. We are primarily supporting Hillary to run her classes in the garden and find other ways to support the outdoor unification of the school. We meet monthly but don't have a first date yet.

Questions from the chat

- 1 - Is there a need for air purifiers or plastic shields?
- 2 - Is the architecture residency canceled this year?
- 3 – Will 5th grade committee left over money roll over into this year's 5th grade?
- 4 – How do 261 families communicate?
- 5 – How are we helping kids in need?
- 6 – How can we make the exec committee of the PTA more diverse and more representative of the parent body.
- 7 – Who do you contact for an iPad for remote learning?

Principal

1 - Erica: In regards to PPE and the air purifiers we have are for the nurse's office and the isolation room. We don't have outdoor furniture, it's only what's already built in. Things like tents and plastic shields needs to be vetted by the DOE.

2 - Christine: No one is doing residencies right now. Residencies all have to be approved by the principal and the administration.

Kim: Also from a financial point of view we had to scale back and be conservative with the estimate we can raise.

3 – Andrea: That money is staying in the 5th grade committee and is being planned to use on the celebration.

Christine: You inherited \$5K from the previous year. So ideally that could become a tradition.

4 – Christine: You will get emails from Heather and communication via Operoo. Class parents are another way that you communicate with the school. We don't have an app or another way we parents communicate with each other.

Heather: People want Consella. It's not a no, it's just not a yes right now.

5 – Christine: Everything we do is via the administration. They tell us what they need and we help provide it to them. The budget will help with the \$25K in supplies. We also have a Stem Committee but that family is no longer at the school.

6 – Christine: Don't have the answer to that question. People do have to run for the position. Nobody should feel at all trepidation about running for a position if someone else is running. It would be great if there is an election with a bunch of people running against each other. This would be the perfect year to join in and run for an elected position.

7 – Heather – Device request sent out via chat.

Meeting adjourned: 5:07pm