

Challenger Elementary

Meeting Minutes

Thursday September 17, 2020

6pm

Present: Ashley Luderer, Melissa Riordan, Amy Prochazka, Sarah Pauls, Leslie Johnson, Jill Fuller, Brandie DiMeo, Christine Bracher, Kari O'Brien, Kari Persichini, Heidi Schaefer, Stacy, Elizabeth Prouty, Mrs. Devine, and Mr. Cherry.

This meeting was held via Zoom due to Covid-19 concerns

I. Call to Order- 6:03pm

II. Welcome board members, parents and teachers

III. Approval of May/August Meeting Minutes

· Motion to approve May minutes by Mr. Cherry; seconded by Ashley · Motion to approve August minutes by Mrs. Devine and seconded by Sarah

IV. Principal and teacher's reports and comments/questions

- Great start to the school year. Things have been going well. Cohort situation is working well with students staying with their classmates. Administration and teachers have seen a decline in behavior and discipline issues.
- Lunches are running one hour longer than previous years and the process with recess is going great. Students have been known to talk over the fence to other students; this activity is being policed by recess staff.
- Kids are happy to be back in school. Some were struggling during the shutdown with mental wellness, but the return to school has seen a reduction in these types of situation which is very positive.
- Pick-up lane condition. Can the gravel be leveled out, and number of potholes reduced? Blacktop for Challenger's parking lot on the schedule with the possibility of including the pickup lane for next summer.
- The electronic sign has been placed; however, there was an oversight on running electrical to it. This should be remedied in the next couple of weeks.
- Mrs. Devine noted that virtual teachers are recording some of their virtual sessions for those students who are not online during standard school hours.

V. Treasurer's Report

- Budget Overview. The board agreed to lowered the opt out program due to the economic strife some may be enduring during the pandemic.
- Opt Out Campaign is doing well. Higher incoming donations quicker than was expected. Working to send the details to virtual parents/guardians.

- Pizza Kit details coming out in November 2020. Delivery December 7th. Virtual students can certainly participate, and we will work out a safe way to distribute the ordered kits. · The Fun Run has been postponed until 2021.
- November 21-Applebee's Night. More details to come as the event draws nearer to the date. · Marco's Pizza Night. October 13; K-2nd Grade. October 14: 3rd-5th Grade Night. · Motion to approve the budget made by Christin and seconded by Mr. Cherry.

VI. Everyday Fundraising (AmazonSmile, Kroger, VG's, Box Tops,)

- Amazon Smile is up and running. Reports offered quarterly about our earnings, so we should be able to see our progress in the next couple of months.
- The budget for Box Tops has been reduced with the change to the electronic submission process. We will continue to communicate this program and post information on how the new program works.
- To date, we have collected 34,760 in VG's receipts. In order to submit the receipts for \$1000 payment we need to collect 150,000 in receipts. Please keep sending those receipts in with your students.

VII. New Business

- Challenger Masks: Board agreed to rework the current offering from one ply to three. Further details to come as the changes are implemented.
 - Trunk or Treat: Proposed 10/23/20 date. Mr. Cherry to correspond with other schools to determine their position on this event. We will need to be in line of the other schools. · Picture Day is September 24th. Volunteers needed for the virtual student time of 4-7pm.

VIII. PTO Funds Requests

- Mrs. Cook's request is for a subscription of the Scholastic Magazine for in-class and virtual students. \$589.05 requested. Motion to support the request from Ashley and seconded by Amy.
- Mrs. Kelly's request for extra small box activities for third grade students to work on when done with learning activities. \$468.44 requested. Motion to support the request from Ashley and seconded by Sarah.
- Mrs. Devine's request for Raz Kids program to provide students a way to access books for those who are virtual. This item has been tabled until more information on the district's position on renewing this subscription and fund it.

Questions from those gathered in the call.

- Besides Teacher Fulfillment Fund requests what does the PTO do?
 - Activities and events held for students in school as well after school events held for parents/guardians and students.
 - We're looking for ways to spend the money we earn by fundraising, so if you have ideas please feel free to submit them either via our FB page or email chpto11@gmail.com
- Some students have Raz Kids who are virtual, was this on a case by case basis?
 - Budget for this subscription was decided at the school level, but other schools still have it.

IX. Adjournment at 6:45pm