

PTO General Body Meeting Minutes

March 11th, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

Board members present for the meeting: Jimmy Reichert, PTO President, Erik Larson, Vice President, Sudha Nagarajan- Secretary and Rashmi Muralidhar.

Teachers, Staff members, Parents present at the meeting: Damian Sugrue-Principal, Greg Fritz

Approval of the January 10th 2020 Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the January 10th PTO General Body meeting was presented for review by Sudha Nagarajan and approved without edits.

Motion to Approve minutes- Damian Sugrue

Seconded by Erik Larson.

Principal's Updates: Damian Sugrue, Principal acknowledged the growing concerns of the emerging COVID 19 pandemic. He assured the gathering that the Superintendent of the schools is working with The District of Public Health in following the Corona Virus outbreak in Massachusetts. Mr. Sugrue reports that there are no reported cases of COVID or sickness in Acton. He shares the view that large gatherings or PTO events might be reconsidered. Each classroom has been disinfected with anti- virals and rags and supplies exclusively reserved for disinfection. However, anti- virals and some cleaning products may be strong for kids and therefore the district is reverting back to insisting on frequent hand washing.

Ice cream social and other capital generating large- numbered events may be tentative. The school is preparing for upcoming MCAS. The Principal concluded his update with reassurance that the district administration is in touch with the Department of Public health and are keeping a close eye on the rising numbers of COVID in the state and ensuing safety protocol.

Financial updates: Jimmy Reichert presents the financial overview. It is brought to attention that the PTO has roughly \$100 k of funds raised over the years. The PTO would like to approve various grants for the school. The board unanimously approved funding the new modular system spearheaded by Abigail Dressler, Assistant Principal. The new kids-friendly, bright- colored furniture system with moving pieces is designed by Staples and is currently in the planning phase. Mr. Sugrue affirms that The District will pay for the demolition and removal of the old furniture.

The board also unanimously approved spending on the Following items proposed by Damian Sugrue and Assistant Principal 1) to purchase 20 refurbished iPads (\$ 6,279) 2) Kibo Robotics kits (\$770) - both of which were delivered early in the year, 3) 8 folding tables (\$621).

ICS Update: Erik Larson presented the update. ICS has been scheduled on April 3rd. Ticket prices have been set at \$4 for advance ticket buyers and \$5 at the entrance.

Raffle ticket prices are set at 1 for \$ 5 and \$20 for 5.

Ice cream flavors have been voted on and orders will be placed by March 15th.

Jimmy remarked that The PTO will stay abreast of the decision of the District and the schools to carry on with large gathering events.

Upcoming events: The K-3 movie night has been scheduled for 3/20. Ice Cream social on 4/3. Other upcoming events such as Conant Celebrates schedules for 5/1, Conant Art Show on 5/21 are being planned by respective teams leads. Spring picnic being considered by the PTO as an avenue to meet and greet parents.

Volunteering: Jimmy Reichert welcomes Greg Fritz to the PTO. The Board feels optimistic about recruiting more parents of younger grade chi,Daren to the PTO. Ideas and discussions are under way.

Motion to Adjourn: Jimmy Reichert

Motion Approved: Damian Sugrue.

Minutes typed by: Sudha Nagarajan