

Meiklejohn General PTA Meeting March 12, 2020

Meiklejohn Library

Taken By: Cindy Scheich

- I. Call to Order at 7:00PM
- II. Approval of Agenda – Approval by Carrie Cornejo. All approved.
- III. Approval of January’s General Meeting Minutes. –Approval by Carrie Cornejo. All approved.
- IV. Norms: Respect others and assume positive intent.
- V. Elections – Kennetha Julien. No report from the Nominations Committee. Quorum requirement of 12 (3% of ~400 eligible voting members). Quorum met with 20 members present at meeting, in addition to 1 proxy.
 - a. Current Nominees:
 - b. None opposed of nominees listed below:
 - i. President: Melissa Brilino
 1. No other candidates
 - ii. Vice President 1: Leah Hutcheson
 1. No other candidates
 - iii. Treasurer: Erin Beiser
 1. No other candidates
 - iv. Secretary: Lynn Sierra-Crone
 1. No other candidates
 - v. Ways & Means Chair: Mimi Stevinson
 1. No other candidates
- VI. Welcome to all new board members!!
- VII. Reports of Officers
 - a. Principal’s Report – On everyone’s mind is what is going to happen with schools. Jeffco has not yet announced anything. Trying our best to prepare. Cabinet is still in session, but something will be announced tonight. Several other districts have already closed and extended spring break. Field trips are still on for tomorrow to the Arvada Center for Kindergarten and 3rd grade. Enrollment for next school year is at 530 currently! Staffing will remain the same. Some new additions, a few teachers moving on for personal reasons, but staffing will remain the same.
 - b. President’s Report – Talent Show was amazing! Science Fair was amazing! Teacher Sweepstakes was amazing! Working on getting sponsors for Run 4 Funds t-shirts (\$200). Auction will be in-person on May 12th at Art Show.
 - c. Secretary’s Report – Volunteers for 2020-2021 school year. The board will be checking with each of their teams to see who is willing and able to commit to their roles again next year. A sign-up with open positions will likely go out before the end of this school year to fill any open positions.
 - d. Vice President 1 Report – Science Fair had 51 kids participate. Several partners, so about 45 projects. Kids did a fantastic job! Consider participation awards for K-2, and 1-2-3 place participation awards for 3-5 grades next year. Talent Show was a huge success! Request to add funds to the budget for a better sound system. Technical issues, but all students and parents were wonderful. Mileage Club will be cancelled if lack of volunteers continues. Enrichment is in flux due to coronavirus. Spiritwear – new vendor found, but not sure if we will do another order this year.
 - e. Vice President 2 Report – Two more opportunities for Maker’s Space lunch options (1st and last weeks of April). Staff Appreciation provided conference meals for teachers this week. In April the celebration station will be filled again. In May, teacher appreciation week and Field Day lunch for staff and teachers.
 - f. Treasurer’s Report – On track with budget. Please remember to turn in any expense reimbursement requests before the end of the year. Field Day pizza for staff sponsored by parent of student.
- VIII. Reports of Board Chairs
 - a. Advocacy – Some of the bills signed by Governor – Spouses of military won’t be required to have state certifications/licenses in order to teach in each state. Special Education will be included in the graduation rate now moving forward. Expanding behavior health training for educators in the final stages of approval. Likely to pass excused absences in public schools for mental/behavioral health. Funding for bullying prevention policies. Mental health prevention bill signed and funding

approved. Student teachers will have to have criminal background check now in order to work in schools. Governor Polis is really focused on mental health.

- i. Mental Health RV Training Event on March 30th – Showing of the movie “Angst” with Q&A afterwards. Likely won’t happen now, but hopefully can postpone to the fall.
 - b. Ways & Means – See fundraising discussion above. Change in prizes – only landfill prize is the stuffed Mountain Lion. Rest of the prizes will be experiences and class parties.
 - c. Membership – Reflect on membership. Slightly less than previous years at 254 memberships purchased (including family memberships). Explore higher visibility the first few weeks of school for new parents.
- IX. Sasha Low with Rooted and Resilient – Stress Reduction session
- X. Announcements
 - a. PTA Meeting May 18th @ 7pm
- XI. Thoughts and Questions
- XII. Adjournment – Adjourned at 7:44PM