

Glennwood PTA Board Meeting
Thursday, July 9, 2020
8:30 p.m. – 10:00

Attendees:

Haley Stevens
Leslie Sessley
Aichuan Kwong
April Freeman
Nydia Almond
Samantha Bryan
Holly Brookins

I. Welcome and Introductions

Each participant gave brief background introduction of themselves.

II. School Supplies Update

a. Supplies

Last year, PTA Board voted to buy supplies for the first half of the year. Karen Hearn has done inventory of supplies we have. Haley and April are looking at teacher lists and are working on getting orders placed. We are considering doing student packs this year because it will be safer to avoid sorting bulk orders. Won't purchase until after July 17th when we hear what the plan is for returning to school. Office Depot has said that they should have no issue with getting order to us even if we wait until after July 17th to place order. April to check with EPI and other school supply companies regarding turnaround time and other options.

b. Sanitizing supplies

We have ordered 400 containers of sanitizing wipes and 400 bottles of sanitizers through EPI. Will arrive at the school on Monday and Dr. Brookins will receive those.

c. Masks, mask straps, and face shields

PTA will provide each student one cloth mask and one strap. PTA will provide every teacher with a face shield. Will have extras for other staff members if they want one.

III. PTA Membership Dues and Membership Forms

Individual membership is \$20/person. In past years we have offered family memberships which are \$200/family which includes carnival tickets, yearbook, spiritwear, etc. In communications that went to kindergarten families, we only mentioned the \$20/person.

Discussion regarding whether we should do a family membership. Will later consider doing an add-on for family memberships. Will also have an extra donation option on the form.

April to revise membership form and circulate to Board for review before we send out to others.

Discussion regarding corporate sponsors. Agreed to send email asking them to sponsor again. Will try to find ways to support them during this time (ie, instead of dine out night, we could do a takeout night, etc.) Haley and Leslie to talk about Leslie sending out these requests.

Dr. Brookins offered to send out email with membership form and open positions to kindergarten parents. Dr. Brookins will also check to see if we can get all parents' emails in order for the PTA to send out a direct newsletter regarding what the PTA is doing and to send membership form to all.

IV. Kindergartener T-shirts

PTA provides t-shirts to kindergarten class. Samantha shared designs offered from EPI this year and we also looked at the ones we didn't use last year. Samantha asking EPI to do more options.

V. Virtual Playdate?

Discussion of doing virtual playdate for kindergarteners and their families. Dr. Brookins recommended we do SignUp Genius with 10 kids per slot to do a virtual playdate. Only have 40ish kids enrolled at this time. Dr. Brookins checking to see if we can get class lists so we can try to coordinate these in groups.

Aichuan recommended we let kids to a 10-15 second "about me" clip and we compile into one video to send out to all kindergarteners.

Agreed we should do both. We need to include these in the email to the kindergarten parents.

VI. Cheers and Tears

Discussion of whether we do a virtual Cheers & Tears. Discussion of setting up Zoom calls for each class' parents. May not be on the first day of school, but in the first week of school. Will ask room parents to coordinate Zoom calls.

VII. New PTA Website

Last year, we agreed to transition to new platform that all other CSD schools are using. Mitsy is the website platform. Main benefit is it will be easier to transition from year to year. Nydia reported regarding the details of the new website. Board members need to register and sign in. Email Nydia for instructions.

VIII. DEI Committee Events

10 Myths About Racism virtual event hosted this summer. Feedback is that we need to do more of these. Looking at Charlie Chopp's 21 Day Challenge as an ongoing event.

All of the elementary schools in CSD have been discussing an event in support of Black Lives Matters. Slotted for next Saturday, July 18th. Kids are making signs at home and then putting them up at their school. (Event postponed.)

IX. Positions Available

Need Chairs for:
Fundraising/Outreach/Development
Read-a-Thon
Yearbook
Field Day
Second Grade Picnic/Graduation
Book Fair

Will include in communications that will be going out to kindergarten parents and newsletter.

X. Yearbook

We don't have a Chair right now but yearbook company is offering incentive to book before end of July. Discussion of whether we should do a yearbook this year. Consensus is we want to do a yearbook. Will book with company if there is no penalty for cancellation.

XI. Other Business and Next Steps/Next Meeting

With regard to virtual events/communications, we need to make sure we are taking into consideration whether every family is getting these options/communications. Dr. Brookins checking with CSD to see if they are doing any mail-outs to survey this issue.

Future meetings: Once per month in the evenings (but not on Wednesday due to conflicting work schedule) around 8:00/8:30. Haley to put together dates and circulate to Board.