

Westridge PTA Minutes  
February 11, 2021

Members Present: Alissa Clark, Elizabeth Larson, Katie Asplund, Joan Johnson, Becky Reid Eschete, Beth Brewer, Emily Mayfield, Jenn Adair, Andrea Stone, Suchitra Sinha, Brenda Peshak, Cory Kelly

Principal's Report:

Professional Learning in connection to the building goals.

Academic: Teachers engaged in shared learning through professional reading and 'watching in action' within the topic of teacher clarity. Professional Learning Communities focused on learning intentions (learning targets) and success criteria in relation to standards.

Behavior: Uniting our PBIS and LIM work around: I am responsible for my learning and actions (K-5) and Professionalism (grade 6). Classrooms / alongside related arts and specialists created monthly goals around:

1. I do my best work
2. I am ready to learn
3. I ask questions to help me learn

Staff shared vertically what each goal would look / sound like in their grade-level classrooms

The teachers are looking forward to conference dinners and appreciate the support. Virtual and onsite conferences will be held on the same days this semester.

Secretary's Report: without objection the January minutes are approved.

Treasurer's Report: Little going on this month. Usually teachers reimbursements pick back up at the end of the year.

Committee Updates:

- Executive committee changes. Jan Jones resigned her position in January. Andrea Stone will step in until the end of the year
- Book Fair Update – decision was made by Ms. James and Mrs. Brewer to not do an in-person book fair. It will be online again. March 29-April 11 this year. Jenn has a meeting with the rep tomorrow to get the details, but it will be similar to the fall. Jenn asked all the teachers in the fall for a wish list and she was able to purchase some books for each of them with scholastic dollars. A question was raised regarding teacher wish list – could it be in a google doc? Jenn will ask the rep for the best way to handle this. Cory Kelly wonders if we could pay for advertising to promote the book fair. Discussion surrounding shipping and shipping charges. Could the books be shipped to Jenn or the school and distributed to the students at the school. Could the PTA pay for shipping on the orders?

Potential district budget cuts that could affect Westridge: eliminating K/1 associates, removing Spanish in the elementary buildings, removing two gifted and talented positions in the district (unsure where), There will be a webinar on 1/18 followed by a parent survey. It is important to fill out the survey so our voices can be heard.

Outdoor playground update: still attempting to get the project off the ground. Elizabeth got some quotes on a concrete pad with footings. She reached out to 5 companies for bids. Two companies responded and gave quotes. The concrete pad will go on the 56<sup>th</sup> street side of the building. The district wants to

now take over the project. Elizabeth has a meeting with Christine Maduro on Friday 1/12 to discuss the project and how the district wishes to proceed. Emily Mayfield thinks the space would be fantastic for the gardening portion of the school year. Cory wonders about the roof – it is costly so Elizabeth wants to break it into “sections” so we be financially responsible. We would likely need to fundraise for part of the project. Emily suggests using the people who built the garden. Cory thinks we need to use an architect and professional fundraiser. Joan reminds us that even though we have not done fundraising, we also haven’t spent money (no play, no field trips, etc). Becky wonders if fundraising would be more successful because we have something to show for it. There was some debate and discussion on corporate sponsors and “bricks” or something similar that could be purchased with a corporate name or family name.

Without objection meeting adjourned at 7:34pm