

Westridge January PTA Minutes
January 15, 2021

Members present: Alissa Clark, Elizabeth Larson, Joan Johnson, Katie Asplund, Becky Reid Eschete, Brenda Peshak, Jan Jones, Jenn Adair and Beth Brewer

Elizabeth Larson called the meeting to order at 9:17am

Michael Kleene from Shive Hattery has joined the meeting to give an update on plans to expanding Westridge. Construction is due to start on June 3rd and will take 2 summers long. The first summer, they will do the "east wing" and replace mechanical equipment within the building. They will match the brick and make everything look as cohesive as possible. They will need to rearrange transportation so pick up/drop off will look differently. Four classrooms will be added and will be rated as a storm shelter. There will be a large common area, an office and a storage area. This space will be available in January 2022. Brenda is concerned on any plants in that area. She will investigate and move things before the end of the year, if necessary. The new K rooms will be about the same size as the 2 "official" K classrooms.

Principal's Report: Beth is excited about what the new space will provide for everyone. Maybe even PTA meetings held in one of the rooms? The teachers are also very excited.

Conferences this spring will be the same as the fall. Conference dates: March 4 (evening), March 9 (evening). March 3rd will be an asynchronous learning day.

Second semester will officially start on January 19th. 30 students will be coming back and 10 students will be going online.

Monday, January 18th will be a PD day and be focused on social/emotional competencies. They will collaborate and focus on building relationships with students. Teachers across the district will identify students who are transitioning learning environments and where they are at with standards (academically and socially).

Westridge was able to share the school improvement plan with the school board on Monday, January 11th.

Beth wants to make sure we have clear communication on what the changes to pick up/drop off will be. Perhaps Christine Maduro or Kevin Long could eventually give us an update.

Secretary's Report: no changes. Minutes are approved without objection

Treasurers Report: \$2500 employer match. \$108,000 in account.

Committee Updates:

- Jenn Adair said book fair did not go well. We have never had luck with online sales. Total sales were \$1231.09 with \$307.76. Usually we make \$11,000 per book fair. Profits were \$307.76. Next book fair is scheduled March 3-10. Ms. James has expressed interest in potentially setting up a book fair herself for the students to actually visit. If this happened, parents could set up an E-wallet to pay for books. Jenn did reach out to all of the teachers for wish lists – majority did send lists back and Jenn was able to buy books for them. Last spring Ms James did a virtual author last year and got autographed books. The virtual visit never happened and we need Scholastic to give the money book.
- Spirit Wear online sales were not as great as we hoped. We made around \$38 in profit.

- Samantha Reid is hoping to find people to record themselves doing a Talking Canvas chat for teachers to use.
- Next year we will need to find people to lead archery club and geography club.
- SCN update: free meals (included snack and supper) are available. Onsite kids can pick up at school and distance learners can pick up at designated spots. Beth says she has had lots of families reaching out and taking advantage of the food. Beth, Ms Leopold, Dawn and Elisabet are distributing the food. Dr Remy also gave an update of budget cuts around \$2.5 million dollars. A 60 person committee is currently reviewing all options.
- Elizabeth thanks everyone who donated to the booster pak (both drivers and the donated food to go home over winter break)

No school Monday, January 18th and February 8th. Picture retakes are on January 21st.

Next meeting is February 11th at 6:30pm. No current plan to have a March meeting.

Without objection, meeting is adjourned at 10:09am by Elizabeth Larson.