



Board Meeting Minutes

Monday Sept. 14, 2020 5:30 pm Location: Zoom Conferencing

Meeting called to order: Kelli Wallace, 5:34 pm

In attendance: Kelli Wallace, David Worford, Nicole Booker, Wayne Thornes, Sarah Putman, John Durkin, April Price, Heidi Habbinga, Pam Rice, Chelsea Hill

Minutes: Presented and approved with the addition of notes from ad hoc meeting held in August

Officers' Reports

President's Report, Kelli Wallace, David Worford

- Thank you to our small but mighty crew for coming together this year
- Excited to get started and excited to see kids playing on the new playground!
- Review of positions as there have been changes
 - Co-Presidents—Kelli Wallace and David Worford
 - Vice-President—April Price
 - Treasurer—Sarah Putman
 - Secretary—Pam Rice
 - Member-at-Large—Nicole Booker
 - Ways and Means—Open
 - Member-at-Large—Open
 - Andie Kirkwood—Staff Representative
 - John Durkin—SAC Representative
- Impressed with how remote learning is going
 - Great structure and assignments

Principal's Report, Wayne Thornes

- Excited to have finally started
- Things are going as well as can be expected
- Staff is working extremely hard, collaborations going well
- Technology is the biggest challenge
 - All platforms are having issues

- The new playground is in!
 - It looks amazing and the community is really enjoying it
 - Have a few little tweaks, such as adding more wood chips, but is great to have it in
- Request, information as we move forward
 - PSD has advised that we're in a severe budget crisis
 - PSD-Virtual is overloaded and the District did not budget for that
 - The State won't be able to fully fund schools, either
 - Shepardson has lost a large number of students to either PSD-V, private/charter schools, families choosing to defer enrollment for a year
 - Because of the lost of students, Shepardson has to give back the money the District had already given the school
 - Requesting help with the school's operating budget to allow us to keep our current classified staff
 - Need to cut expected \$27,000 budget to \$15,000
 - The District purchased a subscription to SeeSaw, so the school was able to get \$2200 back, since didn't need to buy our own subscription
 - Looking at other places to save or redirect funds
 - Testing support, garden, coffee fund, Eco Week, field trips
 - Able to redirect approximately \$10,000
 - Discussion about reserves, allocation, fundraising, replenishing
 - Moved, seconded, approved to take remaining funds for school operating budget for the 20-21 school year
 - Budget requests and changes need to go to General Meeting after Board approval
- New Assistant Principal—Laura Sutton
 - Great asset to the school
- MAPs testing has been interesting and challenging
 - Kids are resilient and adapting

New Business

Open Board Positions

- Chelsea Hill nominated and accepted the nomination for Ways and Means
 - Passed unanimously

School Directory

- Number of families participating and ordering has declined dramatically
- Is this something we should continue?
 - Discussion

Committees

- Ice Cream Social
 - Not going to happen this school year
- New Parent Social
 - Valuable but unsure how to do it

The rest of the agenda tabled to General Meeting due to time constraints

Meeting Adjourned: 6:30 pm

Minutes compiled by Pam Rice