**Avon Lake PTA Council – Zoom Meeting**

Thursday, January 21st, 2021

President Jennifer Dalman called the meeting order at 9:05.

Opened with Q & A from parents:

Do you know if the State of Ohio will be reducing the social distance and masks requirements for spring and/or fall? Or do you think these guidelines will still be in place?

All current public health guidelines will be followed, They are posted on the website.

Do you have plans to keep remote learning for the next school year for students and families at high risk for COVID-19 since there is not presently a vaccine for children under age 16?

J & B: Yes, we will offer next school year for high-risk students. Do not know what it will look like. Dr. Coco will be kept as coordinator.

Years ago, the district was talking about moving forward with Watson. Did that plan ever get implemented?

B: No, IBM pulled out. Made a valiant effort, Amazon is working on it now. Good piece, but complicated.

Does the survey sent home from the ODE about devices and the internet mean that there is a chance our state will be going fully virtual for school soon?

J: No, was strictly for data gathering for grants and Covid.

What guidelines for how many days students should stay out if you have Covid?

J: Follow the guidelines on the website. CDC has made some optional changes for quarantine. But Ohio did not. Still 14 days in Lorain county.

Are you able to tell us what Marching Band Camp will look like for this summer? Will they begin towards the end of July/beginning of August like last summer? Or will they start in June with percussion sessions and camps like years previously?

B: We want to get back to the new normal. Planning for regular business, Percussion to start in June, summer band camp should begin as normal with necessary precautions.

When a family takes a vacation out of state or out of the country how do you know if they follow the recommended quarantine guidelines before a child returns to school?

J: Lots of parents are very good at giving schedules. Our assumption is families will follow instructions.

**Superintendent’s Report:** Bob Scott and Jack Dibee (curriculum)

B: Still a strange, stressful situation, but most has become normal business.

Starting to plan 2021/2022 school year.

Listening to County could be regular commencement.

Meeting with Gayle and Nathan Manning next week, hope to get state testing waived.

J: Numbers for remote students are up by 20 more.

Jenn said Thank you for all the support for MTSA day, we were happy to be involved. The staff was very appreciative.

**President Report**: Jennifer shared Treasurer Erin has stepped down, Nancy Klingshirn will take over the position until the end of the school year.

Meredith Prewitt volunteered to step into the Secretary position. Nancy is printing up this month, will coordinate with Meredith.

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**Treasurer Report**: Nancy Klingshirn

Units should have set up financial review committee members. The first meeting to review books should have taken place. If not, please find a committee.

Since I can no longer be on Council Review Committee, Stephanie Athey will replace me.

The first review was done by Ashley W, Kristen M, and Nancy K. in January.

The books are ok through October.

Presented Monthly Financial Report on screen for November and December.

Ending balance of $ 22,336.50 (copies will be posted to page)

Most activity was scholarship funds from units. And we paid for insurance.

Online vote to approve both months: passed 100%

$ 2,164.00 in Scholarship money collected from units. Plus $1400 from Council.

 BOE approved a $ 300 donation for Reflections. Nancy will contact District Office on the status of the check.

Former contact Judy Costenwize (? Spelling) has resigned.

**President Report (cont.)**: Jennifer

 November minutes were shared on-screen, all good, no changes. Vote to approve. 100%

Thanked everyone for the support of Mid Term Staff Appreciation – lots of positive response.

**ByLaws:** Jennifer for Erin – need a new head. Pending: Eastview Jennifer is following up with Westview.

**Committee Reports:**

**Library:** Shea Alltmont: Library is open

Board approved, in May 2021, a five-year Renewal Levy on the ballot. (five years since the last one.)

Renewal Levy will be on May 4th ballot. $ 72.02 yearly per $100,000 home. No increase in cost.

Proud to work with AARP. This year there are fewer AARP Tax appointments for Senior Citizens.

It is Free of charge, they scan all paperwork, so you don’t need to wait. Contact library ASAP.

Discovery Works is still closed but is continuing to provide k- 4th grades with science kits for teachers

Over 3,000 kits have been provided to teachers for student use.

Online book clubs doing well. DIY Storytime bags & book bundles. New science & craft kits.

Lots of activity, averaging 25 to 30 people per hour. Brisk curbside service as well.

Children’s Department started Story Time this week. And remember “Take and Make” crafts. All ages.

Much praise for the very informative new program guide.

“Light up Winter Reading” New 30 day reading program – win a reading light.

Working on modified Summer Reading program.

New “Tailored Titles” feature. Gives you fiction and non-fiction recommendations. Based on your likes it will pick three books for you.

To celebrate the 90th anniversary from February to April there will be weekly prizes on the FaceBook page.

Random winners for live checkouts, every 90 people

Whitey the Deer returned to visit January through March

“Friends of the Library” is continuing there in place of a book sale, on shelves by north doors.

Friends will be accepting Book Donations the last Sunday of January and February, from 10 am until 2 pm, drive-by drop off, remain in your car.

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**1st Vice President (Membership):** Christa Olijar - Nothing to report

**2nd Vice President (Fundraising):** Stephanie Athey – Nothing to report

**Health and Safety:** Lisa Rish - – No Report

**Legislation**: Christa – No Report

**Luncheon**: Jennifer - No Report

**Reflections:** Jennifer reported for Ashley Whitehead - Very low numbers this year only 87 normally have 500 to 600 entrance. Only 18 Best of Show sent to Columbus. Award letter sending out next month. Working on way to display.

**Scholarships:** Kristen – Email will be going out to committee chairs next week. Probably the same format as in past. The common application is live for students on February 1st, due by the end of the month. Kristen will pick up the forms on March 1st. You can contact Christine Delili at the high school guidance counselor with any questions. Christine.Delili@avonlakecityschools.org

 **AL School Foundation**: Kristen - The next meeting will end of January. Always need board members.

**Curriculum:** Jennifer Tillery

We have 706 students signed up for remote learning second semester, an increase of 20 from the first semester.

We added three new online electives at Learwood for the second semester, technology, current events, and modern wars.  This is in addition to choir, band, orchestra, Spanish and French.

Two electives are required. The 3 new electives were automatically added to the schedule. Students can opt-out of taking some or all of them depending on which other electives they already are taking. They are not required to take all 3 new electives, but they are welcome to if they would like to.

The high school will be releasing next year’s Course of Study in the next week or two.  We have added a few new classes for next year…all electives.

Our elementary students are going through their next round of DiBels literacy benchmarking right now.

Our next K-8 Maps Assessments will begin on January 25. K-4 Remote students will have the option to take the MAPS test during an assigned time at the PAC. There will not be a remote option for students in K-4 to take MAPS from their home. Contact Dr. Dibee with questions or concerns.

**Old Business: No**

**New Business:** When do most PTA’s meet? Is AM or PM working better?

**Delegate Reports:** *Only received 4. Please remember to report back to your unit and send any notes to your president. All will be shared online.*

 Next meeting: February 18, 2021, at 9:00 am

Motion to adjourn by Jennifer at 10:16

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Klingshirn A.L.P.T.A. Council Secretary