**Avon Lake PTA Council – Zoom Meeting**

Thursday, April 22, 2021

President Jennifer Dalman called the meeting order at 9:06 am.

Opened with the **Superintendent’s Report:** Bob Scott (superintendent) and Jack Dibee (curriculum)

Final countdown with about 30 days of school left.
Finishing testing, AP testing this month, academically finishing up a lot. A lot going on
The Biggest questions are how are the schools going to end the year with activities--if it’s outside still need to distance and mask. Planning as much as possible outside.

Middle of May though the state could pull flexibility back again.
Commencement plans will come out in the next couple of days, but outside in the stadium and immediate family can all come with using both sides of the stadium.
Jack has been putting out info about summer activities. Will be coming out soon.
Aware that some students are struggling academically, and kids that haven’t gotten support the way that has been done in the past, and are creating programs for throughout the summer designed to fill the gaps that are more than 2 weeks long. Planning also some Jumpstart programs in August for students to be successful all around. Teachers driving the classes--they are excited about it.
Planning to spend a lot of time next year at the beginning of the year in getting students back up to speed with academic skills.
Planning for a regular comeback in the Fall for students. Planning for a very normal start to school for the kids.

Redwood and Troy's principal decisions will be next week with a quick transition to the new leadership.

Jack has looked at survey results that were sent to parents and has looked at all of the responses. Addressing the questions and suggestions submitted. Excited for the JumpStart programs for students to ease back into the building socially and emotionally as well. (some students have not been in a school building for a year and a half). First grade is going to look very different next year to accommodate that fact for some students to ease the back-to-school transition.

PTAs planning anything for Teacher Appreciation week?

B: Last talks together have been maybe around food trucks. Most of the buildings have staff appreciation plans and budgets going on right now. The principals' meeting is this week and looking to avoid overlap. Jennifer will gather a list of activities that are planned for each building to help the administrators to not overlap with plans.

Jennifer: Council usually does a breakfast for the business office but unsure right now as to what we will do. Offered to compile a list for Bob of each PTA to see what each organization is doing.
The high school is working on staff gift cards where parents have donated money for the gift cards.

Possibility of a pod at the HS to vaccinate 16-17-year-olds with the Pfizer vaccine. Expressed 250 students have shown interest in partaking. Offering the opportunity and parents and students can inform themselves and make a choice based on this.

**Questions/Answers from parents: (Bob and Jack)**

Q: Will all-day kindergarten be at Redwood next year?
A: Yes. (Bob) Full-day and half-day as only 9 kids in each class for the half-day K classes.

Q: Will masks be required next year?
A: No (Bob), but perhaps during cold and flu season students and staff will be encouraged to.

Q: What will marching band and band camp look like?
A: Plans for normal, and will have new leadership/director with some most likely anticipated changes with that regard, but planning on usual and normal. Once entering into summer, they are planning to “roll” full speed with programs.

Q: Will there be remote learning next year?
A: More synchronous with the high school. Shoremen Academy is going to be a new piece on campus where credit recovery will be supported-- credit is lost and a chance to earn it back/take courses again with teachers assisting and monitoring them. Different than in the past.

Q: What percentage of teachers opted out of the vaccination?
A: Number is unsure. Approx 87-88% of the county did receive it, but there is not a way to know due to HIPA. Avon Lake “pod” seemed a bit higher, they observed. The county doesn’t break it down by school district. Some teachers also received the vaccine at another location as weren’t able to do it on the staff day.

Q: Will there still be options to be remote next year?

A: (Jack) Still keeping the framework for the possibility for emergency situations, but not for the evening or morning of the announcement of closure. Possibility for voting days to be remote.

**President’s Report**: Jennifer Dalman

Approved February Meeting minutes.
Jen reviewed the financials and Nancy combined February and March financials.

Potts Awards- did not have a budget but still wanted to do something to recognize members. Will send a message to PTA presidents to figure out a plan on what to do for recognition.

Open positions on the council for next year: treasurer, secretary, and scholarships
\* All positions have already a candidate that has volunteered.

**Treasurer Report**: Nancy Klingshirn
Addition of Amazon Smiles funds to financials this month.

135.00 leftover scholarship money that is reserved.

Every unit should submit books in July and have a treasurer slated for the coming year.
Nancy announced that she will be stepping down as treasurer. A nominating committee will be formed by the end of the meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

**1st Vice President (Membership):** Christa
no new business. Interested in seeing how all units use the new memberhub??
Organizations have been using it in various ways (fundraising, membership, communication, etc.)

Can choose a donation line and will not be donating to memberhub and fees for transactions on the hub.

Eastview is using for many things

Some units are maybe not utilizing what is there.

**2nd Vice President (Fundraising):** Stephanie

Looked into Auto-Rama wasn’t cost-effective so they felt they would not break even on it. Great idea there though. Maybe an idea for a district-wide fundraiser, but definitely a big undertaking. Maybe something to look into more next year. Fairview school district has done-- will investigate.

**Library:** Shea Alltmont:
A new program guide was sent out for the summer.
Still virtual-based plans. Waiting to see what is happening still with the numbers. Hoping for Fall for a “new normal”.

New App--can take the app and can scan a barcode on a book at a store and it will look up in the library if they have the book. Then you can also request that the library get the book. Can do self check out and can scan as you go your items as you find them. Excited about them helping the library experience!

Friends Book Sale- May 22nd-23rd
Outdoor tent book sale (books, DVDs, Cds)
Looking for adult or high school students for volunteers for Friends Book Sale setup. (maybe Key Club or Model UN for students). All students can have an opportunity to volunteer- contact HS guidance?
Jen offered to reach out to the football team that was used for an event for her in the past.

Craft and Science kits will be available as well over the summer and scavenger hunts (in-house and curbside).

3 student page positions for HS students. Taking applications through April 27th. Looking for students that will come back for at least a couple of years. Send in a resume and cover letter and info on the “jobs” section on the website.

May 4th ballot- support in voting for the library. Levy is 75% of their source of revenue

Make and take craft for adults too (register 2 weeks before the date but they go SO quickly)
Thinking about possibly making a permanent drive-thru to help members access supplies.

Oct. 16th - Boo By the Woods will be back in the library
Can always use volunteers or looking for “actors” on the trail or be guides or crafts in addition to the princesses and superheroes. Looking to expand the small kids' area to be less spooky.
Jen T. offered to contact her group for actors along the trail to perform. \*Contact Shea

Always willing to put a poster up or fliers for the PTAS about events up at the library.

**ByLaws:** no news. All good.

**Health and Safety:** Lisa Rish - not in attendance

**Legislation**: Christa –
No new updates.

**Luncheon**: Jennifer -
No new updates.

**Reflections:** Ashley Whitehead -
No new updates. WIll be looking to train someone next year to replace her though.

**Scholarships:** Kristen-

Christina Mars will be the new chair next year.
Final scores for scholarships are not in yet and will give updates when they are.

**AL School Foundation**: Kristen -
Looking for a new delegate.
Meetings are once a month. The last Wednesday of the month in the evening.

**Curriculum:** Jennifer Tillery
Reminder for parents to fill out a survey about the end of the school year and the beginning of next year.

**Nominating Committee- instated**

Volunteers on the committee-
Christa, Charla, Meredith

Positions In Need of Filling-
Treasurer
AL School Foundation

Jennifer will send out a document to sign for the newly former nominating committee.
Will need a short May meeting to announce replacement members.
An email will be to present nominees and then vote in May.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** none

**Delegate Reports:**

Next meeting: \*Jen will select a May date (May 20th-updated)for a short meeting

The meeting adjourned by Jennifer at 10:32 am.

 Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Prewitt
Council Secretary