**Avon Lake PTA Council – Zoom Meeting**

Thursday, November 19th, 2020

**President**: Jennifer Dalman called the meeting order at 9:03. Agreed to bypass the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of everyone. Jennifer shared September minutes on screen, all good, no changes. Vote to approve. 100%

AL Cares Program: (Dr. Barlow) Each school has a committee representative as a PTA we will assist them to help promote it, more advertising to come.

Membership dues need to be mailed into Ohio PTA by November 31st

Mid Term Staff Appreciation (Dec 9th): will need lunches for 600 people open discussion about what the packaging requirements will be

**Treasurer Report**:

All charitable and 990 filings have been completed by units.

Units should begin finding audit committee members.

Presented Monthly Financial Report for October: Ending balance of $ 19,859.72 (copy attached)

Online vote to approve: passed 100%

Scholarship money will be due by units in December. 2 units are paid: High School and Eastview.

Volunteers for the audit committee will meet in January (Nancy, Kristen, and Ashley) Stephanie Athey is an alternate.

Ashley Ok’d to bill Saint Josephs for Reflections participation

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

Thanked everyone for all their assistance.

Troy currently closed no teaching staff due to too many cases and quarantines

High School currently closed due to few teachers and some students with positive results

Special Ed kids are still in person in the building

Hoping after Thursday Thanksgiving all will be back to normal, the final decision will be made next Tuesday.

Q & A:

Given the cases of COVID-19 rising, are families who are nervous able to switch our kids from in-person learning to remote from Thanksgiving until the New Year/January?

Decide now and stick with it, cannot switch between

I have heard that 18 students have a mask exemption. Are there any new exemptions? What if I am uncomfortable having my child around a child with a mask exemption with the COVID-19 numbers on the rise? What do I do? Do you have a break down of mask exemption per school?

\*1 new exemption; 19 now. Parents have the option to choose remote learning if they’re not comfortable with having a child in the same classroom. Exemptions are with a medical note only and those children have a right to be in school. No breakdown per building is allowed. You cannot bully a student who doesn’t wear a mask.

If basketball and other indoor sports are permitted, when can we expect Drama, choir, band, and orchestra performances? These students should be able to have performances and shows if we are allowing sports to take place indoors with some parents/spectators. Why is it that the arts are not permitted in our district, but sports are? Are the arts forbidden by the state for schools? Who decides which activities are more important for the students?

State guidelines for performances, the directors are aware. Some of the directors are not comfortable with large assemblies.

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Do you plan to stop sports and extra-curricular with the cases of Covid increasing and some of the sports teams quarantined? Again, will plan to follow state guidelines

How many spots are available for students to switch from in-person to remote learning for 2nd semester? What if more students sign up than there are spots available? Will you be adding more remote teachers? Will the current remote students be able to continue with their same remote teacher’s 2nd semester even if the number of students who wish to do remote learning increases?

Said the deadline would probably not be extended due to the need to coordinate staffing.

You must stay remote until June

For the most part, teachers will remain the same.

The 8th Grade Washington D.C. trip was canceled. Is it possible to schedule a new trip for these students for when they are in 9th or 10th grade, so they could go?

if it could happen that would be nice

If the Covid numbers are the same as they presently are, or higher, by the Friday after Thanksgiving, is there a chance that the high school will be extending their fully remote plan? Will it likely be extended until the start of the second semester?

Stated they would be deciding by Tuesday, Nov 24th

Asked if parents could be notified if cases at Learwood could be broken out by campus (Main vs. Open Door)

Jack Dibee said they would be stating that for future cases

Asked why Jazz band is offered at high school but Learwood is not – parents were told that transportation to Open Door was the reason

Jack Dibee responded that was not the case. The High School jazz band was quarantined over the weekend. Bob will look into Learwood Jazz Band.

Who can parents contact to lift testing restrictions?

Bob will send information to Jennifer, to be forwarded to units, regarding contacts in the Governor's office, as well as House and Senate. Federal guidelines also.

Can HS break down Covid letter by grade?

No, letters are delivered by contact classes. Mixed grade levels in classes

Meeting resumed:

**1st Vice President (Membership):** Christa Olijar - Membership dollars are due to Ohio PTA by November 31st

**2nd Vice President (Fundraising):** Stephanie Athey – looking into virtual ideas, don't want to compete against other units. Any ideas please send to her. The Amazon app can continue to benefit us.

**Committee Reports:**

**Library:** Shea Alltmont: Library is open, Circulation continues to break records. December 7th new holiday kits are available.

Discovery Works is still closed. Supplying k- 4th grades with science kits for teachers

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

Board approved, in May 2021, a five-year Renewal Levy on the ballot.

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All books and tapes are quarantined for eight days after they come to the library, and then they're checked back in for circulation. (This is based on a Battelle Institute study that shows how long a virus could be active.)

New program guide available in December. For January through April, no in-person programs.

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

Read E-newsletter regarding what new books are out.

90th anniversary! The original library was just South of high school.

Whitey the Deer will return to visit January through March

“Book Jacket” Fundraiser will be virtual. The application to participate is almost finished.

There will be an “online auction” pick up appetizers ahead of time to snack on while you participate.

Link for the Avon Lake Library’s Youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/AvonLakePublicLibrary>

**ByLaws:** Erin –The following units are pending: East and Learwood. Jennifer is following up with Westview. All other units are good.

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

**Legislation**: Christa – No Report

**Luncheon**: Jennifer - No Report

**Reflections:** Ashley Whitehead - The theme is “I Matter Because…”

Elementary items are due today. Troy, Learwood, and High School are due after break

Judging will be at Saint Joseph's

**Scholarships:** Kristen – No Report

**AL School Foundation**: Kristen - Five grants were received three were approved.

“Swenson’s” fundraiser November 25th. Sale by the Lake fundraiser on hold tentatively April 24th.

The next meeting will be in January. Always need board members.

**Curriculum:** Jennifer Tilley - Jack D. Shared “Maps testing” was pushed to January. No date set yet. November 2nd and 3rd were good In-service Training for teachers.

**New Business:** Jennifer D – Will send a link from the report card webinar

**Delegate Reports:** *Will be emailed to units. Please remember to report back to your unit and send any notes to your president.*

Next meeting: January 21, 2021, at 9:00 am

Motion to adjourn by Jennifer at 10:21

Respectfully submitted,

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A.L.P.T.A. Council Secretary