

Loyalsock Valley PTO Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2020

Attendance: Cassie Schon, Dr Breon, Lauren Kohl, Julie Vogel, Katrina Emick, Hannah McCracken, Carolyn Easton, Jennifer Gotshall, Rachel Campbell

Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm

Secretary's Report: Reviewed by all in attendance: May 2020 meeting minutes and July Board meeting minutes. Noted by Dr Breon that the May 2020 required a date change to reflect 2020, and Jennifer Gotshall noted that July Board minutes should be changed to reflect a "halt to all fundraising efforts until January 2021. Jennifer G motioned to accept May and July Board minutes with above changes. Cassie seconded the motion, and the minutes were accepted by all in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed by all in attendance. Cassie Schon motioned to accept the transaction report as it stands, and motion seconded by Julie Vogel.

Teacher Representative (Mrs Welch): will be retiring in January. Discussion ensued for Katrina Emick (Valley Nurse) and Hannah McCracken (4th Grade teacher) to take over the representative position; concern was voiced that bylaws do not allocate for faculty representative or a co-chair. Bylaws will be reviewed in depth and discussed during an upcoming meeting. Discussion ensued and motion proposed by Jennifer G to include an addendum of the PTO Bylaws to include the following: Teacher representative to include staff/faculty, can be co-chair situation, including \$200 stipend/year (paid at the end of the school year)/representative (up to 2 representatives/year). Motion was seconded by Cassie S, and all in attendance voted in approval with no opposition.

Hannah McCracken: Dept of Agriculture Grant applied for to turn the courtyard into a school garden was approved in February 2020, but due to COVID was on hold. The School Garden Grant received an extension with stipulation that the funds would be paid in advance and the grant funds would then reimburse advanced funds. Proposal made requesting the advanced funds from PTO for the following materials to be used at a later date more appropriate to planting: materials to build 3 raised beds, building costs, soil, seeds, etc. Cassie S motioned and Julie V seconded. All in attendance approved with no opposition.

Dr Breon: PBIS: Slowly rolling out program. Teachers have started to reward points, and the Gold Mine Cart (incentive cart) is being developed. Wanted to notify the PTO that a lot of the incentives in the program (homework passes, hang out with the principal, etc) are free cost, and the school will begin to purchase other incentives and turn in receipts to the PTO for reimbursement as they move forward in the program. Also mentioned that there is an app for parents to use to check child's status.

Miss Bair preliminarily spoke to Dr Breon about PTO potentially purchasing more Wilson Boards for all students to utilize and will present to PTO when more cost information is available.

Due to no visitor policy not able to have visitors in the building. Will reach out to the local fire companies, churches, and other organizations to hold PTO meetings off site.

Old Business:

PTO Positions/Committees for the 2020-2021 School Year: Continue with the current PTO officers due to COVID, and change wording of the bylaws to reflect opposite years instead of even/odd.

Back to school Teacher gift: Personal antibacterial gel will be handed out to the teachers as soon as they are packaged.

Lanyards for students: 500 have been purchased by PTO and will be handed out to the students with ID card pictures are uploaded to the website.

New Business:

Gertrude Hawke Participation Celebration: Null and void at this time due to the length of time that has passed, as well as the fact that 4th graders have moved up to the middle school. Discussion ensued regarding new and different fundraising endeavors. Cassie S asked that all in attendance brainstorm for ideas (discussed possible bulb/hanging basket sale/Easter flower sale)

Bylaws Discussion: Jennifer G suggested Bylaws should be reviewed annually during the April meeting.

Upcoming Events Schedule: Dr Breon will check with the district regarding Trunk or Treat at the school. Suggestions were made of how to lay out the trunks regarding grounds and traffic flow.

Classroom parties: (Party day will be Oct 13th and Oct 16th) Discussion regarding the Fall Party Activity: decorating a mini pumpkin, scarecrows, or wooden pumpkins. Settled on Wooden Pumpkin cutouts to be decorated by each classroom. Dr Breon suggested providing a template with dimensions to Matt Hepburn.

A motion was made by Jennifer G that the PTO will purchase all snacks and drinks for the fall party not to exceed \$500, as the room parents have not been requested or assigned. The motion was seconded by Cassie S and accepted by all in attendance with no opposition.

Miscellaneous

Weis Program 4 Education paper came home today: take paper to Weis and scan barcode one time for the Valley to receive credit

Fall decorations for the School sign: (hay bales corn stalks mums and pumpkins will ask for donations) Carolyn Easton will donate the mums. Julie V will get corn stalks and Jennifer G will get the pumpkins.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Next meeting October 1st at 6pm, Location TBD