

Parent Group Minutes

Tuesday, October 8th, 2019 6:00pm CVMCS IMC

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm by Erica Zerr.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Icebreaker (Erica - 10 minutes)

Erica Z, Jeannine F, Abby R, Omar P, Greta G, Brittany H, Rebekah U, Jane C,
Courtney W, Amy D, Todd J

2. Approval of September Minutes (Erica - 5 minutes)

Motion to approve by Sarah, Seconded by Rebekah, All approved

3. Partnership Coordinator Report (Jane - 5 minutes)

- Mountain Lion T-shirt order: some classrooms using, some not. E1 no, E2 yes, CH yes.

Will PG supplement the cost of the shirts again this year? Yes, have \$ in budget for this.

- UWEC & UW-Stout students in building - we are enjoying their presence.

- Working on updating volunteer paperwork.

- School Board Appreciation week - working on video to send over to them.

4. Principal Report (Todd - 5 minutes)

- Charter with ECASD due for renewal this year. Encouraging school board to come visit.

- It's been great seeing university students here. They bring energy and help in classrooms. They get to experience a unique Montessori environment with this placement.

- PG appreciation: many events in Sept & Oct - Footslog, Harvest Fest

- Updates to building: IMC has new tables & carpet. Helps to take pride in our environment. Major face change over the last few years. Happy & proud of that.

- School year off to a great start - behaviorally and academically.

- Todd's door is open if parents have questions.

5. Teacher/Staff Report (Amy/Courtney - 5 minutes)

- 10/11 - Hearing screening for 5k & 1st grade
- Elks Lodge will be delivering dictionaries to 3rd graders next week
- 10/16 - Peace Ceremony
- 10/24 - PT conferences/ NO SCHOOL
- 10/25 - SCHOOLS CLOSED
- 10/28 - NO SCHOOL - Staff Development
- 10/31 - STEAM Fair - E1 & E2 classrooms
- 11/1 - Lifetouch Picture retakes
- 11/5 - Governance Board mtg
- 11/7 - E1 field trip to Pippi Longstocking at the Oxford

6. Chair Report (Erica - 10 minutes)

- a. October Newsletter Deadlines: Friday, Oct 11th. Assignments in Trello
- b. Google Calendar Follow-Up: Link now active!
- c. Cash Fundraiser/Endowment:
 - Discussion. Doesn't seem to be interest in giving up one of our successful fundraisers. Perhaps try for a Holiday push-out in December if we want to try cash fundraiser. Erica, Abby, & Sarah M to discuss & bring up again at Nov PG mtg.
 - No update from Benda Yun/Lane Biggs endowment idea. Perhaps wait for more info from them before we decide how to advertise this option.
- d. Classroom Reps: Not much activity. Suggestion to advertise during PT Conferences. Create a paper flier for teachers to hand out in their rooms.

7. Treasurer Report (Jeannine - 5 minutes) - Reminder that our raffle license expires & needs renewal soon.

- a. Checking Balance: \$8037.29

- b. Savings Balance: \$5.23
- c. Income: \$1969.70
- d. Expenses: \$304.20

Motion to approve budget by Abby, seconded by Omar, all approved.

8. PAC Report (Sarah/Omar - 10 minutes)

- a. Election of officers: Jenna Murphy - Chair, Rob Geske - Vice Chair, Anne Hartman - Secretary. Meta Miske, Assistant to Superintendent will be taking notes at each meeting. Minutes can be found at this link:

<http://www.ecasd.us/District/Board-of-Education/Committees-of-the-Board/Parent-Advisory-Council>

- b. Virtual School Update. Jim Schmitt and Drew Seveland presented.

- There is a need for some families to have students in a virtual environment and we were losing students through open enrollment out to other virtual schools so in one year they developed the idea, created a governance board, obtained School Board approval and passed a contract between ECASD School Board and ECVS Governance Board, accepted applications, and opened the school.
- The school has a mascot (Griffins), mission, and programming which were created in collaboration with local students and families.
- ECVS students take most of their work virtually, but are encouraged to try a class at a school.
- To be successful, the students must be academically self-motivated and have a safe and supportive home environment.
- Most ECVS students are resident ECASD Students, with a few students who were resident nonECASD students or were previously homeschooled or on other virtual schools. There are five seats left and those will open for enrollment at semester break.

- They are creating community learning experiences such as going to plays, Beaver Creek, board game nights, and a school spirit committee. Kids are thinking about school pictures, a yearbook, etc. They will plan a graduation celebration for the two seniors attending the school.

- We contract through Pearson Connexus who run the virtual learning service with licensed teachers to teach the courses online; this company was chosen because they have the best results in student success. We are looking at ways to provide local teachers as we grow and develop. Drew Seveland is an Academic Services Coordinator for the District and oversees the program with office hours to support students, so they have a local person to help them. There is also a counselor available. The goal is to bridge the virtual school with the traditional schools in the District so students can easily bounce back and forth if necessary.

- They are currently accepting enrollment applications for 2020-21.

c. Superintendent's Report.

• Three big events have happened for the school board:

- They approved the boundary changes for the elementary schools. That will keep Roosevelt as a 2-section school, and it will receive a secure entrance next summer; they'll be looking at plans for handling the rest of the Roosevelt renovations. In the meantime, we are working through some security issues since it's currently the only school without a secure entrance.

- The Board has seen a proposed early budget for the 2020-2021 school year. It is possible we will have a balanced budget this year. There is a long list of needs out there that haven't been met that may not be met including band instruments/uniforms, iPads for art teachers, devices, etc. Numbers will be finalized after the 3rd Friday Student Count and we are hopeful to have a healthy budget this year.

- The Board has decided to conduct a Superintendent Search independently rather than hiring a search firm. Lori Bica is the chairperson of the Search Committee. There will be listening sessions with families and schools, a survey, etc. They hope to have a decision about a new Superintendent in April and there will likely be updates at each Board meeting.

• We had a great opening of schools. We were wrapping up a lot of construction and our Buildings & Grounds department did a wonderful job preparing the schools. The referendum projects came in on time and on budget. At the first principal meeting of the year we received positive information from the principals about the opening of the school year.

9. Committee Reports (25 minutes)

a. Family Events (Brittany - 5 minutes)

- Culvers Night: Monday, Oct 14 4-7pm

b. Fundraising: Footslog, Mallternative & Read-a-thon (Abby & Greta - 10 minutes)

1. Footslog (October): was very wet this year. Profit \$2062.62. \$210 same day sign-ups. Does not include in-kind sponsorships (~\$2400) (storage unit, coffee, graphic design, ice cream, EC Music School installation). Community awareness increased this year. 190 registered for both events. Will try to connect T-shirts with families who registered, but could not make it to the event.

2. Mallternative (November): Sat, Nov 16th. Set up starts after school Friday 15th. Square cc swiper - connected with PG PayPal account. Update on number of vendors already booked. Will start promoting this week.

3. Read-a-thon (January): Will push out at Winter Break. To start in January. No Read-In event this year, but will offer raffle prizes for participants.

4. (December); Maybe no buy/no sell fundraiser.

c. Volunteer Coordinator: (Rebekah - 5 minutes)

1. Harvest Fest volunteer signup genius is pretty full. Working on volunteer forms.

2. PT Conference food for teachers signup genius going out after Harvest Fest.

3. Discussion on providing lunch for Mallternative vendors.

d. Garden: Harvest Fest Update (Sarah - 5 minutes)

- 5th pizza truck event this year. Lots of volunteers for the day of the event & some helped with baking & preparing food. This is a popular event with students, staff & parents. Shannon P, Sarah S & Lane B planned the event again this year. Will be looking for new leadership for this event due to it being Shannon & Lane's last year at school & Sarah is looking to step back from planning. Will be looking for new leadership team to run the school garden next year also. We have parents who indicated interest in garden on their paperwork this year.

10. New Business (All) - None

11. Next Meeting **Tuesday, November 12, 6pm CVMCS IMC**

Meeting adjourned 7:25pm

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Szymanski, filling in for secretary