



## **PTA General Meeting Minutes January 27, 2021**

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**I. Call to Order:** Matt Jones called the meeting to order at 7:05p; 36 participants were logged into the zoom call at the start of the meeting.

**II. Welcome & President's Report [Matt Jones]:** Matt reviewed the open positions and provided updates regarding the outdoor classroom and the wolverine statue.

Matt stated that a Nominating Committee would be formed to manage the recruitment and selection process for the open PTA Executive Board positions. Anyone who wants to volunteer to be on the committee should contact him.

Matt stated that Kate Nayak has been working hard to get quotes from vendors for the outdoor classroom. The proposals are coming in much higher than we expected (about \$25K).

Matt informed the group that the wolverine statue is being created and he plans to have it installed before the end of the school year.

**III. Principal's Report [Brian Le Crone]:** Brian thanked the parents for their patients and support with remote learning. He informed the attendees that they are working to make a decision on how to handle the yearbook for this school year. He will be on a committee of principals to figure out how they will approach it. Brian then introduced the staff to discuss the transition to hybrid learning.

**IV. Transition to Hybrid [May Watts Staff]:** Several May Watts staff/teachers provided information regarding their plan to move to hybrid. They stated a large challenge was to provide consistency between the in-person and remote learners. Their goal is to keep students with their current teacher if possible and to keep siblings on the same schedule. They also stated the teachers will not be "zooming and rooming", meaning, remote learners will not be attending the live class via zoom when in-person students will be present in the school. Instead, remote learners will zoom with the teacher during specified time dedicated to the remote learning students.

Brian LeCrone stated there will be a 12-person cap on in-person classes with no less than 3 students. There will be small number of 3-person classes.

**V. Fundraising Update [Jen Kot/Matt Jones]:** It was reported that our receipts from Amazon Smiles has been ramping up. So far we have received over \$400 this school year. Receipts from Box Tops are dwindling due to the new electronic/receipt process and several products are no longer participating. They are looking into possibly holding Trivia Night online this year, but no decisions have been made yet.

**VI. Membership Update [Carrie McGill Simkins]:** Carrie reported that we have 44 paid members to date.

**VII. Budget to Actual Report [Ashy Jayarajan]:** Ashy provided the latest Budget to Actual Report to the group via email and reviewed it at a high level.

**VIII. Indian Prairie Parent's Council (IPPC) Update [Bridget McKernan]:** She attended the most recent IPPC meeting this past week. Dr. Talley was present and received many questions about returning to in-person learning. The next Board of Education meeting will be 2/8/21. One candidate dropped out so down to 11 total candidates for 4 open positions.

**IX. New Business:** Matt stated that the minutes from the prior meeting were posted on the PTA website. He asked the attendees to take a few moments to read through them after which Carrie motioned to approve them and Ashy seconded. All agreed and minutes were approved.