

9/9/10 PTSA MEETING

Attendees: Angie Mahaffey, Dennis Bryant, Marisa Johnson, Matt Daugherty, James Williams, Greg Garris, Elaine Dentler, Jennifer Button, Lynsey Pearson

Start time: 7:00 p.m.

End time: 7:50 p.m.

Dennis reported:

President- Marisa Johnson accepted President role

Lynsey Pearson- accepted VP role

Still looking for treasurer

9 positions still need to be created this year

Vote approval of officer slate

Dennis called for vote on slate of officers

Elaine motion to approve board as listed

Lynsey seconded

All in favor with no objection

Financials for year: hopefully will move back to model w/ staff appreciation and dinner and conferences. Some businesses in community have committed to supporting us as we move toward activities. Villa Nova will sponsor conference dinners.

Greg reports:

Transition to hybrid: scheduled to be in building at the end of month with first day in building September 29. They are ready to go and have all the plans in place but it is hard to visualize what it will be like with ½ students in building until you do it. Will be sending out information on Friday to include in the weekly update and standalone emails to include pictures and video. Desks 6' apart in classrooms. Due to construction, cafeteria will not be available so will use gym with sitting at desks. Seminar, still want kids outside if possible, but if inside is necessary, they will use the auditorium.

Construction: construction has begun. Currently creating temporary parking lot. When completed on Friday, will set up fencing and move in supplies. Slated to be done with new addition on Hartford Street by June 1. Then move to front of building and turn office space into two classrooms. Scheduled to be complete by start of next year.

Parent teacher conferences will be virtual for the fall. Undecided for spring.

When return to hybrid, students will operate under regular daily schedule when in class.

Elaine, Matt and James shared their experiences with virtual learning during the first 1 ½ weeks. Elaine reported that the additional 2 weeks of preparation time made a difference. No complaints with kids not participating. Some not showing up. Those present are starved for consistency in life and don't care if on screen, happy to be there. Positive. Problem is staff is pretty isolated with everyone shutting doors and don't see anyone.

Matt reports that virtual learning is more seamless than he thought it would be. A lot goes to Greg's leadership. Normal as far as day to day learning. Attendance over 90% every day. Homework turned in.

James reports that he is being creative with building relationships and uses tools like chat and break out rooms. Overall it has went well.

Jennifer asked about teacher accessibility during hybrid on off days. Greg reported that this is being considered and a hotline is being contemplated. Students will have assist period available. Many teachers considering teaching new content in room and then practice next day while at home – flipping classroom.

Jennifer suggested that parents be provided with pictures, or a walk through demonstrating the new protocols. Greg reported that he will do a walkthrough video showing students what they can expect throughout day, providing a visual and explanation of the process. If possible, would want to get new students (6th and 7th graders) in school beforehand to give tours.

Marissa suggested that maybe this year more than ever, there may be a need to bring relationships back – f/u from isolation comment.

Dennis will give packets of info to everyone.

Garris will meet with Marisa to discuss events typically held throughout the year.

Motion to close meeting: made by Greg, seconded by Matt.