

Avoca District 37 PTC Minutes

May 6, 2020

Parent Teacher Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Virtual meeting

PTC President Dorothy Elfring opened meeting at 7:05.

.I.	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. District Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Signs at people's houses for Teacher Appreciation Week. Send Dr. Osburn and email if you'd like a sign. b. PTC sent Jessica flowers and gift cards and she emailed a thank you. c. MM: students have stepped up and learning is continuing to move forward. For the most part, students are attending zoom classrooms and staying engaged. d. Avoca West: students have been flexible and patient. Students still engaged in the material. B. Covid-19 response- social distancing, etc <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Governor's phase-in plan for the state received. Admin team starting to draft different scenarios for the fall. We won't know exactly what will happen in the fall so planning for each scenario (remote learning, on-site learning, or a hybrid version). b. Starting next week, Dr. Osburn will lead K-2, 3-5, 6-8 parent focus groups. Asking for input on different potential scenarios and feedback on how things have been going. c. Survey results to go to the Board for discussion on Thursday. Going forward, admin will be discussing how to meet the needs of students who are done with schoolwork early as well as students who are having trouble staying engaged. Before the year is over, Dr. Osburn will send out a final survey to parents. C. School happenings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Student pick-up of classroom belongings starts Monday. b. Principal Palcer finalizing plans for MM graduation. Exploring ways to make it more special. More information to come about virtual graduation. c. 6th grade team meeting on Friday and talking with 5th grade teachers to figure out how to work on transition for 5th graders (a possible virtual tour). d. Principal Palcer meeting with New Trier people to help with 8th graders' transition to New Trier.
II.	<p>Budget & Finances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Financials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Waiting for Innovation Grant materials to be purchased and then will send out a reimbursement check. b. Deposited Fun Fair proceeds in April. c. Expenses in May: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Safe Routes to School ii. Normally a lot of expenses at the end of the year but due to cancelled events, will have unused funds. Considering reimbursing certain people

	<p>for Fun-Fair auction items or possibly donating to families in financial duress.</p> <p>B. Review Incorporation progress - Working on application, looking for an accountant to handle return in July. Send Dorothy an email if you know an accountant in the district.</p> <p>C. Proto Room Re-do & Special Fund</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Recarpeting and painting room first. Hope to have it done by the beginning of next year. Dr. Osburn to send photos of plans and furniture that has been selected.
III.	<p>Events/Activities</p> <p>A. Innovation Grants</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Need to publicize who/what won the grant - Ann to send the winners to Dr. Osburn, though most of the grant objects are unable to be used via remote learning. <p>B. Teacher Appreciation and End of Year Activities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> All the classes are doing their own activities for teacher appreciation week.
IV.	<p>Initiatives - Safe Routes to School Grant, DISC, Different Learners</p> <p>A. Safe routes to school: Things are moving forward. Final plans sent to the Village for any final feedback to see if any revisions needed.</p> <p>B. Bike to school day / bike safety education: Thinking of sending out activities to practice safe biking around the neighborhood. Possible make-up of bike safety day in the fall.</p> <p>C. Zoom sessions for parents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Parent meet-ups by grade level to start soon. FAN events. Past FAN event on COVID anxieties was on zoom. It was also recorded and will be posted on the website soon.
V.	<p>Motion Passed - Uncontested Avoca PTC Slate of 2020/2021 Nominees</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> President: Ross Friedman Marie Murphy Vice President: Dorothy Elfring Avoca West Vice President: Melanie Morrow Treasurer: Sara Shepard Director of Volunteers: Ranjana Paintal Secretary: Joanne Routsolias <p>Remaining in office for 2nd year of term: Melissa Schiffman, Membership; Susan Lovell, Communications, Kristen Barry, Fundraising and Ann Heinz, Innovation Grants</p>
VI.	<p>New Business & Open Questions</p> <p>A. Suggestion for some future PTC meetings to be held over zoom to garner more participation.</p>
VII.	<p>Meeting Adjourned</p>

Attendees:
Dorothy Elfring
Eugenia Hsin
Melissa Schiffman
Ross Friedman
Emily Bierbower
Sara Shepard

Kaine Osburn
Bing Ling Zhou
Jamie Taylor
Melanie Morrow
Amanda Hoffman
Ranjana Paintal
Peter ogden
Joanne Routsolias
Kristen Barry
Ann Heinz
Betsy Harootyan
Maya Vasudevan
Maria Niehus
Mary-Kate Jenkins