

Calf Pen Meadow PTA Meeting Minutes 3/9/21

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Introduction

Meeting called to order at 6:33; Meeting held virtually via Zoom

Approval of meeting minutes for February; Motion to approve by Amy Rizzo, Second by Amy Tarini

Presidents Report: Presented by Stephanie Kanaan

*PTA Council update

-PTA Council played a video that Mayor Blake recorded for all of the PTA's, in which he proclaimed February 17, 2021 as PTA Founder's Day in Milford. Mayor Blake thanked all volunteers for their hard work in Milford schools.

-Dr. Cutaia stated that the BOE adopted the 2.255% budget increase as proposed.

She mentioned that the main increase is due to rising tuition and transportation costs of special education. The budget also reflects an expansion of world language to grade three, a van for The Academy and furniture/equipment elementary school's science labs. Due to Covid-19, many items are on hold. She mentioned on Wednesday she will presenting her budget to the Board of Finance.

-Furthermore, Dr. Cutaia spoke about the current school year and stated that she has a goal to get all kids back in school once she receives the green light.

Currently there are issues surrounding lunch, open lunch aide positions and low substitute numbers. She is also worried about the spread of the new Covid-19 variant that has come into the state. She is hoping to add Wednesdays in mid-March depending on my many situations.

-Board of Education Chair's Report: Mrs. Glennon continued to talk about the budget process and reflected that the budget will be presented the Board of

Finance soon. The calendar for the new school year was adopted and posted on the MPS website. They also approved revisions on professional developments for staff and teachers. The board recently had its annual report on school safety which can be found on the website. Monday, February 22nd, the board will work approach to their goals and estimate this will take about 4-5 months to develop. Lastly, Ms. Glennon stated they will continue with their policy work.

Vice President Report: Cyndy T.

No news to report

Treasurer Report: Erica E

No news to report

Secretary Report: Andrea Haven

One new membership received

Reminder that membership and No Stuff Fundraiser are both ongoing

Principals Report: Jamie Whitaker & Erin Marschner:

-Mrs. Whitaker mentioned that the Parent University/Literacy Event was a hit. There will be a Family STEM Night on March 6 at 6:30pm. It will be a family event where you can choose a treat to make (ice cream or cookies).

- She also said that the Read Across America Spirit Week was a success and the kids had a lot of fun. She thanked everyone for the sock donations.

-Mrs. Marschner mentioned that the students helped make a Rainbow of Kindness; each student wrote 1 act of kindness on a card that later created a rainbow.

-Students will be in person on March 17th (no more virtual learning on Wednesdays)

-Mrs. Whitaker added that report cards will go out on March 26 and that UI donated a

power strip and desk lamp for all the students which will be sent home.

Committee Reports:

*Nomination Committee – Amy Tarini let everyone know that they are confirming the new slate for 2021-22 and will announce the nominations for VP and Treasurer in the April meeting. Voting will take place at our May meeting.

*CPM Trivia Night – Mrs. Whitaker and Mrs. Marschner are interested in hosting a CPM themed trivia night which would be held in May.

* Yoga Night – Cyndy announced that we would be hosting another virtual Yoga session on March 18.

* 5th Grade Committee – Cyndy let everyone know that the 5th Grade Pie Fundraiser went very well and that all the pies have been delivered. Friday they will take outdoor pics of the kids. Baby pics to be sent in by parents.

*Follett Book Fair – Our virtual book fair is still going on and you have until March 22 to place your order.

*Flower Signs Project – Stephanie discussed a potential PTA event, similar to Shamrocks on the Green. CPM students could decorate a white flower sign that would be placed outside of CPM to create a meadow of flowers. The sign place quoted Stephanie \$6 per sign. Stephanie called a vote to purchase the signs. Vote passed unanimously.

*Virtual Talent Show – Stephanie also brought up the idea of having a virtual talent show. Kate Romano suggested using Tribute to create the finished video. Stephanie was going to look into that as well as other options to create/upload video submissions.

*Other Business – Katie Laird inquired about Teacher Appreciation Week. Stephanie confirmed that it will be held the week of May 3rd and will add it to the agenda for further discussion in next month's meeting.

*Spirit Wear- Andrea Haven – Order form will be sent out this week. Orders must be in by March 26th

Upcoming Events:

SEL Tools

Virtual Yoga

Next PTA meeting, April 13th

Meeting adjourned: 7:09 pm