



October 2021 Meeting Minutes

Date: October 12th 2021 7:00PM

Attendance:

Wendy Muchi, Brianne Miers, Christine Neslusan, Juliana Kuszewski, Kristen Sabelis, Mark Cignarella, Deanna Elston, Abigail Miller, Michele Phillips, Jessica Fahl, Kathy Pelley, Jenifer Ohanesian, Jen Creelman, Sheila Hibbard, Daniel Corthell Darci Andrade, Paul Guerin, Jacki Chechile, Eileen DeMings, Christina LaFortune

Minutes:

Motion to approve Septembers minutes- all in favor and approved

Principals update:

- Enrollment stable at 852
- Recognitions-
 - *Judy Ropiak*- Recognized by Worcester Regional Retirement system for her years of service at Burgess
 - *Christine Neslusan* and all who helped make the 5k a success
- Curriculum Instruction and Assessment- MCAS results were released. Burgess met and exceeded expectations. Kathy would like to caution parents on reading their individual students' results. Because students only completed 1 session in each area not 2, so it is not as comprehensive.
- Professional Development
 - Staff completed Alice Training in October PD Day
 - October 27th will include Early Literacy initiatives and writing program
 - Abigail asked if this would include training for the new mandate on dyslexia screening for kindergarten. Yes, it will include DESE sponsored training on this.
 - Other trainings- STAAR Assessment training- which wont impact student day
- Health and Safety-
 - Extended mask mandate through November 1st- our kids will likely be longer than that because it's tied to vaccination percentages
 - Test and Stay is very successful- allowing students to stay in school

- School Improvement Council- meeting in November to look at school improvement plan and budget
- After School Support- We are looking at offering after school support and what that will look like- in person/virtual
- Exploring In Person Options-
 - Looking at the possibility of opening up the building for recreational basketball. Need to make sure our students' needs are met first
 - Hopeful we can bring back parent helpers and volunteers
 - Kathy would like the PTO to explore the options of in person, hybrid, or remote meetings moving forward. Participation is higher since Zoom/virtual. Perhaps we could send out a survey. In person likely wouldn't be an option until January.
 - Hopeful and looking at bringing parent helpers back
- Food Services-
 - Shortages have been significant and are concerning
 - Staff have had to go to BJ.s
 - Question was raised- can we make eligibility for school lunches a priority to those that really need it?
 - School is trying to troubleshoot- Getting supplies from restaurant suppliers, picking up orders themselves

Treasurers Report:

- Few prior year rollovers payouts that hadn't been settled from last year's budget
- September Expenses- \$994 (mostly teacher reimbursements)
- October only expense so far was for insurance
- Mrs Murphy mentioned request for new shin guards for PE

Book Fair:

- Preparing for outdoor fair October 25, 26th
- 10/7/21 was preliminary meeting to discuss logistics and ideas/questions
- Still need guidance on where we can set up- concerns over wet ground, power, and safety/access
- Logistics will be worked out with Mr. Guerin
- Volunteers Needed! Sign up genius was shared
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0848adad2ba1fa7-fall1>
- We've had 3 new teachers take advantage of \$100 towards any books and supplies for their new classroom
- There will be a Virtual Book Fair option happening simultaneously. Starting on 10/25 and lasting a week

- Michele will touch base with Lisa Meunier to identify students for the gifting of 10-15 gift certificates for book fair shopping.

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- Committee has been formed, First meeting tonight 10/12/21

Square one

- Has begun. Only update is that free stickers won't be given due to supply issues

5k Wrap up:

- Great day, beautiful weather
- Around 100 participants
- Waiting for final financial wrap up and will report that next meeting
- Large showing of emergency personnel
- Experienced runners said the course was very well managed

Yearbook:

- Christine will be sending Kathy email regarding getting yearbook rolling.

Butter Braids:

- Sales are open. Closing October 21, 2021
- Have made about \$1100 in profit so far
- Hoping to have national honor society students volunteer for distribution day

NEXT MEETING: November 9th 7:00 PM