



## SILVERBROOK PTO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2021

### Attendees:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sandy Anderson    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelley Peck   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lesha Edwards     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ramya Burgess |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monica Matoush    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Simpkins  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julie Christensen | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Thomason  |

**Other Attendees:** *Caitlin, Elizabeth DeMaio, Jeanne Taylor, Kate Volpe, Kitty Greenstein, Laura Sabo, Lisa Giordano, Lisa Stover, Shannon Mueck, Tricia Barry*

### Call to Order 7:30 pm

**Welcome-** *Sandy Anderson- President, Opened and welcomed the membership*

### Principal's Report

- **Principal's Report – Dr. Pamela Simpkins**
  - Overview of 3 priorities of next year
  - Shared with staff in newsletter but will share with staff on Monday in staff meeting
  - 3 priorities
    - Strong tier 1 instruction
    - Caring culture
    - Cultural awareness, and equitable practices.
  - Strong tier 1 instruction
    - We will provide rigorous tier 1 instruction
    - All students should have access to viable instruction
      - Strong CLT implementation
      - Working on our workshop model
      - Intervention.
    - Team leaders have



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- Caring culture
  - What: social emotional support to all students, creating a sense of belonging, safety and inclusion
  - Why: Maslows hierarchy of needs state that kids need a sense of security, belonging, safety and inclusion.
  - Positivity project, responsive classroom, social emotional lessons with counselors, counselor that is going to meet with students in small groups, create some safe spaces for our kids to discuss their needs and things that they are going through
    - Kids have experienced trauma these 18 months
    - Support for kids that haven't been in school
    - Want to have things ready in place for them for the anxiety and apprehensions that they are feeling
- Cultural awareness, responsiveness and equitable
  - Work towards eliminating gaps
  - Nurture a community of tolerance
  - Include equity lessons and discuss aggregated data and have a plan of action.
    - Will begin to be a regular practice
    - Hone in on subgroups
  - Creating safe places for staff and student discussions.
    - Want to create a safe space so that kids can speak their truth and they don't feel ostracized
  - Highlight various months
    - Black history, women's history, Asian pacific islander, etc.
- **Assistance Principal's Report – Travis Thomason**



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- Enjoyed working with Dr. Simkins
  - Lots of ideas about where she wanted our school to head.
  - Already has the 3 priorities in motion.
    - Aligns with Fairfax and our community.
- SOL data
  - 2021 SOLS
    - 360 students participated.
      - Over 100 students that were virtual came in
  - Thank you to the staff.
  - All grades were administered in 1 day.
    - Weren't sure whether it would work, but it was extremely successful.
  - Grades 3 and Grades 4 had their first experience with SOLs
  - Virginia Virtual test – not a lot of students did the remote test. But it is a new experience and it worked.
  - Scores
    - Reading scores were at 88.6%
      - That is close to where we were 2 years ago.
      - The parents did a great job with the kids
    - Math scores – 83%
      - But we were using a shortened curriculum
      - Kids weren't seeing everything but they were still able to pass.
  - Make sure parentvue is up to date and you will be able to see scores.

### Officer Reports

- **President's Report** – *Sandy Anderson*
  - Met with Dr. Simpkins about priorities for next year's budget.



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- Working closely with the school to ensure as we shifted to make sure we have in mind that we have new priorities.
- Make sure our priorities as a PTO align with what the school needs.
- Officer Election - Moved to September 2021: VOTE
  - Cannot have elections this spring
  - Can we move to 2021 and have a special election at the start of next year.
  - Voted: yay
- Nomination Committee forming now: Volunteers?
  - Sandy will run the nomination committee
    - Looking for people that are interested in serving on the board.
- PTO Priorities for next year.
  - Could not have all of the events we wanted because we did not want to do too many virtual activities
  - Plan to do MANY more activities next year.
  - Hopefully will return to normal.
- **Treasurer's Report – Monica Matoush**
  - Doing really well, despite not doing fundraisers
    - Did not spend a lot of money
    - Need to write checks for seahawk technology.
  - Adjust spending in SY 2020-21 Budget (Professional Development & Landscaping): VOTE
    - Professional develop and landscaping.
    - Want to 0 out those accounts
    - We didn't use them, and there is a surplus in the school accounts.
  - 6<sup>th</sup> grade has done a great job for their end of year gift and their end of year activities.



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- Year-to-Date Budget Update & Treasurer's Report
- **Secretary's Report** – *Ramya Burgess*
  - October 2020 Meeting Minutes: Review and VOTE
  - Meeting minutes were voted in.
- **VP of Programs** – *Lesha Edwards*
  - Tentative Afterschool Activities plans for SY21-22
    - Not sure what it will look like
    - Once we get a better picture, we will communicate that information to the parents.
  - Enrichment matters was a very easy to work with vendor.
- **VP of Social Activities Report** – *Julie Christensen*
  - Bingo success!
    - We had an amazing host for our bingo event. Plan on potentially using the host in the future.
  - Update about Sixth Grade events
    - Theresa Hull and Julie have been trying to pull off some virtual events.
    - Balloon arch will be installed for graduation.
    - Fundraising has gone very well.
    - Looking to buy some courtyard furniture as 6<sup>th</sup> grade gift.
  - Edukit – June 30<sup>th</sup> – special price and on July 1<sup>st</sup> price will go up.
    - Will have all of the school supplies that the kids need for the entire school year.
- **VP of Fundraising Report** – *Kelley Peck*
  - Nothing to Report

**Meeting Adjourned 8:06. pm**