



SILVERBROOK PTO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2020

Attendees:

- Sandy Anderson
- Leshia Edwards
- Monica Matoush
- Julie Christensen

- Kelley Peck
- Ramya Burgess
- Dr. Mackin
- Mr. Thomason

Other Attendees: Chris Parrett, Sonia Kessler, Kim Malech, Renee Williams, Samantha Roberts, Alicia Russo, Kate Volpe, Leander Gray, Zohra Benaliona, Elizabeth DeMaio, Nell Pounder, Laura Sabo

Call to Order 7:31 pm

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

Principal Report:

- Heads up: SOL testing for 3rd-6th grade will be May 4th – May 21st. Week of makeups afterwards. Will be sending letters home for specific dates
- Update on renovation.
 - Ahead of schedule. Planning to be finished when the teachers come back in August.
 - Initially due to be finished with C&D by spring break, but now they will be done by mid-March.
 - Will give an update next week.
 - The school wants to give them some time to work on the new side, so now we will have to move one grade at a time to move to the different side. K-1st grade first. Then 2nd. And then may move 3rd in. Everyone may not be in the same spot they will be next year. Next year when the school is totally finished, some people might need to move to their permanent spot



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- Dr Mackin went to look for furniture at different schools. Trying to see what the different furniture looks like. We are moving the old furniture first and then over the summer the new furniture will be delivered.
- Because of the bond that was voted on, we ended up getting quite a bit less than other schools. Newington forest got 150k more than us, Cherry Run got 200k more than us. We are trying to keep some of the old stuff and maybe we will be able to get new furniture to replace them in another year. Priority is classroom furniture.
- Meeting with the head of library services from the county and our construction manager and Mrs. Barham to look for library furniture.
- New library will be almost 2x or 3x the size of the current library. There will be a media room and it will be looking out to the courtyard.
- Every child is going to contribute a tile to the new library and 6th grade will have tiles in the hallway.
- Please be patient with us. We are trying to move as quickly as possible. We want to move in sooner.
- When are we moving?
 - We don't have an exact date yet, but it will definitely be prior to spring break. Somewhere in March.
 - Dr. Mackin will send a note out letting the teachers and the parents know.
 - They will be sending companies over to help the teachers pack.
- We are getting a new electronic sign.
- Question: Recess over renovation



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- When we don't have access to the blacktop, we will get more field space.
- We don't have that much land, so they are going to give us an equal amount of space on the blacktop on the field.
- The only problem is that it gets wet and cold, but we will be looking at where it is less muddy, etc.
- Is there new turf incorporated into the playground?
 - No, it will just be mulch
 - \$18/sq foot on 18000 sq ft. It is not as cost effective.

Officer Reports

- **President's Report** – *Sandy Anderson*
 - Is everyone good with the PTO meeting schedule (only doing 3)?
 - Most in attendance nodded yes.
 - We believe we have successfully raised enough money to put the things in the playground that we wanted to put in.
 - We can use things in the playground that are already there, as long as they are ready.
 - We have two positions that are going to be open for next year. We have enough interest within the board to rerun.
- **Treasurer's Report** – *Monica Matoush*
 - We brought in 26k.
 - We have 19k in the savings account. We can move the rest when it comes time to use the money for renovations.
 - Current checking account 65k, 19k savings, \$225 cash account.



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- Budget will be put forth in the May meeting, it will be similar to this year, but if you have any suggestions, let us know

- **Secretary's Report – Ramya Burgess**
 - Meeting minutes from last meeting were approved.

- **VP of Programs – Lesha Edwards**
 - Winter after school programs. Registration is open for spring classes. Spring will run from Feb 13-May 28th. All other enrichment registration March 3 – March 20th.
 - Two different lego sessions because those are so popular
 - Had inquiries about certain classes – if there are classes that you find that you would like that you don't see us offering, send us an email and we will try to get those set up.
 - Around the World night
 - Families participated. 23 countries represented. Big shout out to the community for participating.
 - STEAM fair – March 13.
 - Book Fair – Thank you for people that came and volunteered. Holiday market was a success. Could give back to the school with teacher discounts and student discounts that were needed.
 - Students were really excited about all of the books.
 - Look forward to it next year.



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- **VP of Social Activities Report – Julie Christensen**

- BINGO – 2/22 – Dinner 6-6:30, then 6:30-8:30 Bingo will be played.
 - Registration Monday morning at 10. Even though the cafeteria is bigger, we don't have more seating. BINGO always sells out.
 - You definitely need to register first and then buy the bingo tickets.
- April – Month of Military Child is coming up.
- Staff Appreciation Week – April 25-May 1
 - Room parents will reach out. We will need support from the community.

- **VP of Fundraising Report – Kelley Peck**

- Community Sponser auction will start the night of BINGO
 - Grade level baskets are going to be done. There is an amazon wishlist for people to buy so that they can be part of the auction. The more that is bought, the more we can raise.
 - Rolls for a week – can go in and start putting bids in.
 - Some families are involved through donations as well.
- End of the year celebration – Dance on May 29th.
 - More information to follow.



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Events

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- **LCAC Coat Drive** – 173 items donated.
- **Square 1 art** is coming up. Working with Ms. Lajin. Will get the art in March, orders will go out in April, and then will be delivered in May. Talked to her about changing it to fall, but it needs to be in line with the curriculum.
- **Military Connections** – Two major things: Veterans Day and Month of the Military Child
- **Assemblies** – We have had two, and we have one more scheduled.
- **Trash-2-Cash** - *Kelly Pinsky*
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 - **Teams are working hard on their projects.** Hoping to put together a showcase to show Silverbrook students.

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Call to Order 7:31 pm

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

- Please keep yourselves on mute, and we will spend a few minutes renaming folks so we know who everyone is.
- This virtual meeting will not be transferring files, so that limits some of the information we can put out. We are going to use the Zoom polling function that allows us to get a quick vote from all involved. Our fist poll is right now to vote that we can adjust the traditional rules of order to accommodate the online format.

Principal Report – Dr. Mackin

- Thanked everyone for their patience as we got started with distance learning. Everything is going well.
- Update on renovation.
 - Because we are out of the building, they have been able to work faster, so done in July.



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- First week in August, new furniture. Waiting to hear from the school board about the procedures and regulations.
- Everyone's belongings are back to them.
 - If they haven't, contact the school.
- No SOL testing.
- Dr. Mackin has been popping into classrooms during the virtual hour, and it's fun to see them in their classrooms.
- You can make classroom placement email, and Jenn and Lisa are working through it.
- Q: Will there be "Meet the Teachers" if we don't open in August?
 - We will be doing something like that for sure, we are just waiting for more information.
 - Last week, distributed laptops, to 3rd-12th and 2nd.
 - Looking at old furniture to help with social distancing to see whether we need more
 - There is a school board meeting tonight, so we might hear more soon.

Officer Reports

- **Secretary's Report** – *Ramya Burgess*
 - Voting for Officers
 - We have two members of our board that are up for re-election this year. Sandy Anderson, president, and Kelley Peck, VP of Fundraising. Both members had hoped to seek re-election to their positions before the school year was moved to a virtual setting; however, the events of the school year prevented us from having the opportunity to send out the call for nominations through our normal process.
 - We have two options: We can hold off elections until next year, or we can vote the board members in tonight. The group voted that we should vote tonight with 26 yes and 3 abstain.
 - Conduct vote if Question #2 was a majority yes.
 - Sandy Anderson won 26 yes, 0 no, 3 abstain.



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- Kelley Peck won 26 yes, 0 no, 3 abstain.

- **Treasurer's Report** – *Monica Matoush*
 - As of 06/04/20: Checking: \$43,475.45; Savings: \$19,131.94
 - We were able to give the county a check for \$32,652.00 for the PTO's contribution to the playground.
 - We still have some disbursements to make related to the 6th grade end of the year activities, final payments for afterschool activities, payment for the staff appreciation gifts, and the disbursement of funds to the school at the end of the calendar year. However, there will likely be some un-allocated funds due to cancelled events.
 - This year's staff appreciation shifted to a providing a gift to each staff member. Staff were offered the choice between a sweatshirt or zip-up jacket. This gift will remain close to the \$2,294.63 remaining in the Staff & Teacher Appreciation line, but it may exceed these funds. We are asking for approval to move other unused funds from the year to cover this specific expense for our staff. We will not have the specific overage specified until after the order is submitted.
 - Yes 28/ 0 No/0 Abstain.
 - We usually have a proposed budget for you for the next school year at this point in the year, but this year we decided to wait until we had more direction about what the next school year will look like. The proposed budget for the year will be presented at the first PTO meeting in September.

- **President's Report** – *Sandy Anderson*
 - Food drive is being conducted.
 - Doing one more push before the end of the school year.
 - Yearbooks are coming in. Won't receive until the middle of July. They will be given out next year. If not, we will work with the school to get it through mail.
 - If you are moving, get in touch with Mrs. Woody.



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 - We are unsure about how Edukit will be handled in the fall.

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