



Pleasant View PTA Meeting Minutes

Meeting recording:

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Date: December 14, 2020

Time: 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Place: Virtual meeting

Present: Steven Cotton, Amy Featherstone, Mindy Gassman, Karyn Green, Kim Millage, Laura Kies, Michelle LeMoine, Valerie Campbell, Betsy Recker, Julie Staab, Theresa Needham, Corby Steining, Kristin Foley, Monica Belby, Katie Flores, Bev Anderson

Board Members:	President	–	Amy Featherstone
	Co-Vice-Presidents	–	Karyn Green, Megan Barone, & Michelle LeMoine
	Secretary	–	Mindy Gassman
	Treasurer	–	Kim Millage
	Principal	–	Steven Cotton

Regular Business:

- Call to Order - called to order virtually at 5:01. Amy Featherstone noted we have been having the meetings at 5 PM so individuals can also attend the board meeting later this evening
- Approval of Minutes – approved as written
- Principal’s Report – Steven Cotton – Thank you to all who are attending and thank you for adjusting the time. Pleasant View has had a typical but not overwhelming number of students in quarantine. The school has been able to continue with hybrid and staff the school. Students are typically in quarantine because an adult in the household has tested positive or been exposed to someone that has tested positive. We are not seeing spread in the school and will continue with the hybrid model. While this is good news, we are missing the winter program and other traditions. An email will be going out from the teachers noting that K-3 students must bring snow pants, boots, hats, gloves, and coats for recess. 4th-6th grade students are not required to bring these items, but Mr. Cotton strongly recommended boots as there are some recess zones where students may not be able to stay on the blacktop.
- Treasurer’s Report – Kim Millage – There was one deposit from Amazon Smiles. Kim gave a reminder to set Pleasant View School PTA as your charity of choice as you do your holiday shopping.
- President’s Report – Amy Featherstone – During the superintendent meeting two weeks ago, the 2021/2022 calendar was approved. Snow days were discussed. If there is a snow day before February 5, 2021, the make-up day will be February 12. A second snow day will be made up on June 4. If there is a need for additional snow days, remote learning options will be discussed. Mr. Strusz noted that Pleasant Valley has not gone online because the teachers and staff are doing a great job. If the absenteeism rate approaches 15%, online will be considered. Two weeks ago, the absenteeism rate was around 13% and has decreased since then. The board could call an emergency meeting and apply for a waiver at any time. Optimistically, returning to 100% in person learning could be possible for the 3rd term for elementary students and the 4th quarter for junior high students. The high school students will remain hybrid the rest of the year due to scheduling classes and electives. Amy noted that the majority of the families that will be going to Forest Grove will be coming from Pleasant View, so any updates will be noted at this meeting. Forest Grove boundaries haven’t changed and will be approved tonight. Any current 5th grader that will be a 6th grader during 2021/2022 will be grandfathered in, but siblings will not. Siblings would need to attend their neighborhood school. Kindergarten round-up will not be an in-person event in February 2021; other options are being discussed.

- Vice-President's Report – Karyn Green noted the Reflections ceremony will be held virtually. Students' names will be announced on A and B days and will receive their awards at school. The lobby TV will have a slideshow of students' work. Valerie Campbell noted cookies will be provided in December for Staff Appreciation. Michelle LeMoine noted the coupon booklets will go out in the second half of February. The youngest student in each family will receive one coupon booklet, instructions, and an envelope. Students can either return the money or the coupon booklet in the envelope.

New Business:

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Old Business:

- The yearbook cover contest entries have been narrowed down. Teachers are now voting. The winner will appear on the cover, and other entries will be featured throughout the yearbook.

Announcements:

- Thank you to Allie Wood for doing a great job with the spirit webstore. Thank you to all that shopped.
- Thank you to Bridget Blunk for sorting out the candy held from last year's Fall Festival. Items close to expiring were placed in the teachers' lounge and donated to local ER's.
- Thank you to Kristin Foley for her work on the Senior Angel tree in partnership with the Bettendorf Police Department. Thank you to all that donated – families really went above and beyond. Thank you to all that worked last week to get the gifts sorted and wrapped. At least 75 seniors will be receiving gifts this holiday season.
- Next meeting will be January 11, 2021 – 5:00pm – PTA Meeting (virtual) Mr. Strusz will be attending to present a revenue purpose statement that will be on the ballot in March.

Adjourned: The virtual meeting was adjourned at 5:23 PM.