



Pleasant View Elementary

Pleasant View PTA Meeting Minutes

Date: February 8, 2021

Time: 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Place: Virtual meeting

Present: Steven Cotton, Amy Featherstone, Mindy Gassman, Karyn Green, Kim Millage, Valerie Campbell, Betsy Recker, Julie Staab, Theresa Needham, Corby Steining, Megan Barone, Lindsay Seamer, Laura Barnes, Robbie Smith, Melissa Gilroy, Susan Smith, Angela Spartz, Laura Kies

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

Regular Business:

- Call to Order - called to order virtually at 5:02.
- Approval of Minutes – approved as written
- Principal’s Report – Steven Cotton
 - We are currently restructuring the class lists again as we prepare to go back 100% in person. Many online only students are coming back to in person, so all seven online teachers will return to the classroom. There are 147 students that will move to a different classroom. Calls were made last Friday to notify families. Some families have been impacted by this twice. The majority of the students will be going back to their Term 1 teacher. We are here to help with the transition. If a student is having difficulties, please reach out. Later this week, teachers will help with the transition by introducing affected students to their new teachers.
 - All recess zones will be eliminated. Students must wear masks outside. Most wear them outside now anyway due to the cold weather.
 - The cafeteria will still have assigned seating for contract tracing purposes. Seating will increase from 5 per table to 8 per table. Partitions will be added, but do not cover the students sitting directly behind you, as the room is not big enough.
 - Masks will still be required per the school board policy.
 - Conferences will be held the week of February 22 with the Term 2 teachers. The window to schedule conferences opens Wednesday.
 - A question was asked about quarantine procedures with more students in the classroom. Mr. Cotton reported that nothing will change, because if everyone is wearing a mask, it does not count as close contact. The Iowa Department of Health guidelines are followed. If the student rode on a bus, video footage is reviewed to determine if there was any close contact.
 - A question was asked regarding the already long pick-up lines and what may happen when all students attend every day. Mr. Cotton will notify the city of Bettendorf to let them know there will be more traffic. Mr. Cotton will stand at the far fence during morning drop-off to wave students out of their vehicles. During afternoon pick-up, four teachers are responsible for the process, but these teachers rotate weekly. Each week, Mr. Cotton will be present to ensure the process is going smoothly. We will use every inch of sidewalk to minimize traffic.
 - Mr. Cotton appreciates the patience and understanding. Remember, we cannot solve a problem if we don’t know about it. Please reach out to school staff if a student is having a problem.
- Treasurer’s Report – Kim Millage

- The PTA is looking to fill this position.
- There were 3 deposits and 1 check in January. See Treasurer's Report attached to agenda.
- President's Report – Amy Featherstone
 - Thanks to parents for their understanding with the return to learn information.
 - The revenue purpose statement will be on the March 2 ballot. This is NOT an increase in taxes, but designates how the school may use the proceeds.
- Vice-President's Report – Karyn Green, Megan Barone, & Michelle LeMoine
 - None

New Business:

- 2021/2022 PTA positions (Pleasant View/Forest Grove)
 - After spring break, we will ask current officers/committee members whether they will stay on next year and at which school. There will be a virtual Forest Grove PTA meeting February 9 at 5 PM to begin organizing (obtain tax ID number, open bank account, goals, kindergarten registration, open positions.)
 - Each Pleasant Valley school will contribute \$500 to the Forest Grove PTA for starting funds, as is tradition. This was discussed last spring.
- Kindergarten Registration
 - This will be held virtually on February 19.
- Book Fair
 - The Spring book fair begins today and runs through February 21. The PTA does earn money from the sales, so please consider participating.
- Conferences
 - Conferences will be held the week of February 22, and a staff appreciation meal will be provided on February 25. The PTA may reach out to families to raise funds for this as was done for fall conferences.

Old Business:

- Coupon books
 - Please return these if you have not already done so.

Announcements:

- March 8 - 6:30pm PTA Meeting (virtual)

Adjourned: The virtual meeting was adjourned at 5:39 PM.