



Pleasant View Elementary

Pleasant View PTA Meeting Minutes

Date: November 9, 2020

Time: 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Place: Virtual meeting

Present: Steven Cotton (left after the Principal’s Report), Mindy Gassman, Karyn Green, Kim Millage, Laura Kies, Michelle LeMoine, Robbie Smith, Laura Barnes, Valerie Campbell, Susan Smith, Betsy Recker, Megan Barone, Amy Featherstone, Loretta Gilbeck, Julie Staab, Theresa Needham

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 6:32
- Approval of Minutes – approved as written
- Principal’s Report – Steven Cotton – We have had quite a few notifications sent out, similar to our community, as the numbers are increasing. We are not seeing children exposed at school, but rather community exposures. This is resulting in quarantines. Letters for those not in close contact would be for someone that is in the class, and would include the last date the affected child was in class. This allows families to be aware of the situation. Mr. Cotton encouraged everyone to wear face coverings and follow best practices.
Conferences are in progress virtually.
Thank you to the PTA for sponsoring the supper for the teachers during conferences.
Email Mr. Cotton with any questions, as he must step away from the meeting.
- Treasurer’s Report – Kim Millage – The money from the sixth grade mum sale should be coming shortly. Donations from the staff appreciation were noted. There were no expenses this month.
- President’s Report – Amy Featherstone – Information from the presidents’ meeting with Mr. Strusz included notification that the FAQ handbook has been updated minimally due to new CDC guidance. Gators & face shields are not appropriate protection if less than six feet apart. If someone tests positive, quarantine would be necessary. If Pleasant View returns to 100% in person learning, face masks would probably be required, but at this point, gators and face shields are still acceptable face coverings. The virus update indicates that our community rate has spiked the past few weeks. As of Nov 3, we are approaching 50 cases and 350 quarantine cases. Most (55%) are due to family member interaction. 21% are due to friends/social interaction. 8% are due to school interactions. Substitute teachers are VERY short. If you have the ability to sub, the District needs you. Loretta Gilbeck commented that if a student wearing a gator or face shield tests positive and the teacher cannot prove both the student and the teacher remained six feet apart, the teacher would need to quarantine. If both individuals wear a mask, the teacher does not have to quarantine. If the community rates increase to 20%, there will be conversations with the health department regarding whether a 14 day waiver will be necessary. Tonight is the Pleasant Valley Board meeting, which will be live streamed if you would like to listen. Dr. Katz, the Scott County Medical Director, will be present. For the third quarter, all options are being considered – 100% in person, 100% online... The District is hoping to decide the first part of December. Next year’s school calendar has been drafted. Not much has changed. There is still a fall and spring break. The Board will approve it in December. The Reflections entries are in. Judging will

begin. A ceremony is planned for January, with decisions to come on what that ceremony will look like, as well as possibly displaying artwork over the TV's in schools. Karyn Green noted that Pleasant View had 19 students submit 24 projects, which is not down from last year. Forest Grove is still on track for May 7. Interviews for teaching positions are being held for internal candidates now, with external candidates scheduled in November and December. The exterior of the building is mostly done. Kindergarten registration is on the calendar for February, but it may be pushed back. It will be in person. The book selection process is underway. Lego League is up and running and will begin face-to-face meetings after school.

- Vice-President's Report – Karyn Green – A thank you note was received from Grant and Annette Erickson thanking the PTA for the conference supper and basket of goodies. Thank you to Valerie for setting it up, and thank you to Mrs. Moberg for helping with logistics. Loretta Gilbeck also thanked the PTA for everything and all the care and support, noting that the staff loves food and gets more work done because they have those treats. Michelle LeMoine – Coupon booklets are usually sold in January, so Michelle will look into this.

New Business:

- Yearbook cover – Susan Smith is the chair. An announcement will go out in Friday's enews asking students to design a cover. The acceptable dimensions will be provided. Covers should be submitted to class teachers, who will forward them to the secretary. Online learners may submit via the PTA gmail account. Once entries are received, the entries will be narrowed down and the teachers will vote.
- Book fair – The book fair that is usually held in person during conferences is now live online. It goes through November 12 and supports the PTA. It has been advertised the last few weeks in the enews and on Facebook.
- Secretary vote – The PTA has not had a secretary since Kristin Mueller has left the school. After there were no volunteers from the enews advertisement, Amy Featherstone asked Mindy Gassman to fill the position. The executive committee recommends Mindy Gassman as secretary. A motion to vote was made by Michelle LeMoine, seconded by Megan Barone. A vote was taken and the motion passed. Mindy Gassman is now the Pleasant View PTA secretary.
- Additional information & answers to PTA member questions – Valerie Campbell noted that one student was sent an exposure letter after in person testing in the cafeteria, while her child did not. Karyn Green noted that letters are sent based on the time individuals were in the cafeteria for testing. Loretta Gilbeck noted that exposure letters also factor in assigned seating at lunch and recess schedules, and what type of face coverings were worn. Amy Featherstone apologized to anyone that could not get into the PTA meeting, as Mr. Cotton is the only one with access to admit people.

Old Business:

- Reflections update
- Staff appreciation dinner

Announcements:

- December 14 – 6:30pm – PTA Meeting (virtual)

Adjourned: The virtual meeting was adjourned at 5:27 PM.