



## Final General Meeting Minutes Tuesday, November 10, 2020

### Handouts

- [Meeting Agenda](#)
- Draft PTO General Meeting Minutes, October 13, 2020 (for approval)

### Agenda

1. Welcome!
2. Update from Mylo Allen, Principal
3. Board Updates
  - Jog-a-thon, Scholastic Book Fair and Village Book Night (Emily)
  - Thanksgiving Turkeys and Winter Wishes (Jeanette)
  - Student Directory now available on the PTO website!
  - Approve [Meeting Minutes from October, 13 2020 General Meeting](#)
4. Guest Speaker: Emily Machin-Mayes from Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center, "Strategies for Resolving Sibling Conflict"
5. Open Forum

### Welcome

The meeting is called to order by Amy at 6:31 pm with a welcome. Each member of the Board gave a quick introduction. 15 participants were on the call.

### Fundraising Update

- **Jogathon**
  - The Jogathon was successful. There was a lot of participation was great and Mr. C reported a lot of engagement on Seesaw.
  - There is a Slideshow on the website – you can still upload your photos to the PTO Dropbox. Working on a final slide show to share with students.

- o Jogathon shirts will be ready next week and the PTO will coordinate pickup. Kinders and 1<sup>st</sup> grade will get their shirt at school.
- o We received approximately \$3500 in corporate sponsorships.
- The **Scholastic Book Fair** started this week. The link is posted in the Facebook group and on the PTO website – share with family and friends!
- **Village Book Night** details are coming soon.
- **SCRIP** is now available for purchase on the website.

### Community Engagement

- The kindergarten welcome bags were a hit.
- The **Teacher Appreciation** gift card raffle this month is Brandywine.
- **Family Fun Nights in January** –Trivia Night with Randall and online BINGO.
- Aileen Gardner gave an update on **Thanksgiving Meals/Winter Wishes**. Families can request assistance for the holidays using an online form.
  - o The Thanksgiving Meal Assistance Form is posted on the Facebook group and PTO website. The deadline to request assistance for Thanksgiving is Thursday, 11/19. Meals will be delivered on Sunday, 11/22. The PTO and Lettered Streets Covenant Church (“LCCC”) can serve around 25-30 families with meal baskets – LCCC provides the fixings and the PTO community provides the Turkeys through donations.
  - o For Winter Wishes, schools in the Bellingham School District are moving away from gift buying and empowering families by providing gift cards. Eventually the Winter Wishes program will all go through the Family Resource Center (the “FRC”).
  - o Extra money and gift cards from these fund drives will roll over to the FRC for their “Yes” program.

### Miscellaneous PTO Business

- The Student Directory is available on the website.
- A motion was presented to approve the Meeting Minutes from the October 13, 20202. The minutes were approved.

### Mylo Update

- The first week back at school with the Kindergarteners went very well. First graders come back Thursday, 11/12 and everyone anticipate it will go well. All of the Parkview support staff is at school to help with the transition.
- New School Construction Update: First walls will start to go up Thursday or Friday, and we will start to see shape the and geography of the school start to take shape. Building will be completely framed in approximately 25-30 workdays.
- There was a question about what kind of space the PTO will have at the new school. The PTO will still have our outdoor shed, and there is also a meeting/flexible space that could

also be used for the PTO. There may also be a dedicated office for the PTO. The use of the space is dependent on the number of students enrolled to attend next year. Mylo also discussed the PTO coordinating an art installation, purchasing a show piece salmon tank, etc. to fill the school since we will lose our current art when the school is demolished.

**Guest Speaker: [Emily Machin-Mayes from Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center](#)**

Emily Machin-Mayes typically works with 4-12<sup>th</sup> grade students in the classroom. Ms. Machin-Mayes led a discussion on sibling conflict. The group discussed causes of conflict and traits that help with conflict resolution. The group also discussed pathways to help children deal with conflict: Problem Solve and Coach, Choices Reminders, Ask for their help/redirect. Adults should Listen, share your part, and then brainstorm with the child to find solutions.

The WDRC is hosting free trainings designed for kids 8-12 in November and December. Details are available on their website.