

October 21, 2020

Attendees: Shane Hieronimus, Amber Blume, Nikki Schmaltz, Allison Pay-Crawford, Kristina Sipma, Katie Sumey, Lori Blom, Dr. Rachael Eggers-Ferry, Julie Parker, Emily Spaans, Samuel (no last name given), Donna Stolz, Peggy Craig, Kelly Blount, John Pagone, and Jason Madsen.

Meeting called to order at 12:00pm.

Minutes

The minutes from the September 16, 2020, meeting were reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Approved.

Treasurer's Report

Kristina Sipma presented the Treasurer's Report. The budget includes income from donations. A few changes were made to the budget. Kristina presented some changes to the budget based on current circumstances. A motion was made and seconded to approve the updated budget. Approved.

Principals' Reports

Amber Blume gave a report on Department of Health reminders. Covid is not spreading in the schools the way that had been feared, so some changes were made to the quarantine rules when there's a close contact occurring within the school. Sherri Alvey was hired to be the Covid response contact for the school. Assignments are posted daily on Schoology, often including a video for either an instructional video or a link to a google meet. Students are encouraged to complete as much of their work as possible while at home. When they return, they need to complete anything that was missed while they were out. These videos can also be used for students needing extra review of subjects at home who are not out on quarantine/isolation.

Kids are wearing masks consistently within the school. Teachers and staff are emphasizing the importance of correct mask-wearing.

Shane Hieronimus reported that the district has purchased some cameras for staff to use within their classrooms and post on Schoology.

First Presbyterian Church made a donation to the school to help cover Covid costs for the school for the year. There is also a grant to provide free hot breakfast and lunch to all kids regardless of income for the duration of the year.

The virtual bookfair was a success. It generated about \$1000 income which is in line with previous years.

The Honors program at Edison will be moving to Patrick Henry beginning in the fall of 2021. The school has begun the process of preparing for that transition. An email has been sent out notifying parents of honors students. The School Board also plans to make biology and accelerated geometry available at every middle school in Sioux Falls. The details of this have not been released; it appears an effort is being made to have those classes available to kids who need it without having to travel.

The change in boundaries for the district beginning in the fall of 2021 will result in shuffling of staff across the district. Mr. Hieronimus will be moving to be principal at Ben Reifel. This is posted on the district website. A position for lead principal at Edison is posted on the district website.

In the past, the Heartland House has “adopted” many students (~190 last year) to provide Christmas gifts and blankets for them each year. The fundraising for this has typically come from bake sales in the past. This may not be possible this year. Ideas are needed for fundraiser possibilities for this.

New Business

Spiritwear was ordered and sold at the beginning of the year. Some people who had ordered masks really liked them and others did not. The company refunded \$5 of the \$10 that was paid on those in response. Some parents have given the feedback that they liked the selection of Spiritwear products and are asking when they can next purchase. Typically another sale is done right before the holidays.

Parent-teacher conference meals went well. Many donations were received and appreciated, and it went smoothly. All the slots on the signup genius were filled, and the PTO did not have to purchase any food.

A brainstorming session was held to come up with ideas to boost teachers’ morale and show appreciation for all they’re doing. Ideas for the students to show appreciation as well as parents were discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:02pm.