

Troy PTA
Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2020

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Principal's Report - Mr. Peltz

We appreciate Mr. Scott's support. Back in March, we had a shell of a plan and it wasn't the "Avon Lake way". We are really taking a look at what will happen if we have to go remote so that we can continue to use best practices as a model for continued improvement.

Team banners were ordered yesterday, even for the remote students because we want them to feel connected and part of the school. We ordered the "We Are Troy" shirts for all students. These are the little things we didn't want to lose.

MAPS testing is complete for fall. There is a slight slide in math scores on average, which we expected. We saw almost no gap in reading scores. Our kids did a good job keeping up with reading. Compared to the national average, Avon Lake did not drop off. We believe the math gap will close at the end of 18 months. Our teachers and admin teams have all been working on planning for any potential curveballs.

Band and orchestra is on hold due to the social distancing guidelines set forth by Lorain County Health Dept. We do not have the space to carry out the instrument programs safely. Ms. Bain is brokenhearted over it, but they are doing their best to introduce the instruments.

We are revisiting school photos and trying to determine what the yearbook will look like, if we decide to create one.

President Report Shelly Collier

Conference meals - thank you to Alyssa and Dena

Open Committees - please review the open spots

Membership Drive with \$20.00 donation; we may be able to raffle a Chromebook

Levy Issue #14 - Mr. Scott joins us. Thank you to everyone supporting their students and school buildings so far, I am so proud of everyone.

We have 200 "vote yes" signs. This is a renewal and not an increase in taxes. This is PI money that helps us to do things to maintain the buildings, purchase new buses, etc...without having to dip into our general fund. A few years ago that money was used to pay for a new HVAC system at Troy. It is used to repair or replace things that are at least 5 years old.

The second semester will look similar to the first. The numbers for COVID are not changing, even though we have not had one positive case in the building. We are asking everyone to be safe in and out of school to avoid community spread. We appreciate everyone's efforts.

Noontime Enrichment

We would love to find a way to have a parent or volunteer to come in and facilitate a craft for the students. Michelle Martin is a noontime supervisor who might be interested in this.

Moose's Legacy (no sew blankets) - this is an organization who collects things and delivers them to APLs in need. They make the blankets and then donate the blankets to the APL. Shelley would like a volunteer to help her out with it.

Trunk or Treat for the Gold Award (local Girl Scout is leading this), we would like to have a car there for Troy. We could use a volunteer to be there to pass out candy.

First Day School Supplies (Hinckley OH). A person from this company reached out to Shelley about their company. She created a proposal and included the costs associated with the kits. Our PTA could gain approximately \$3-5 per kit. Their kits are very nice with name brand supplies and the price is comparable and slightly less than the past school supply box supplier.

Secretary Report- Dena Fisher

Approval of September minutes: Shelley Collier approves; Jennifer Teasel seconds

Treasurer Report- Jennifer Pilkington

September 2020 finances: Dena Fisher approves; Sara Waggoner seconds

September beginning balance was \$9,961.00. We took in \$911 through membership dues, scholarship and general fund donations. Our expenses included the welcome back breakfast, AIM insurance, and PTA Council dues for a total of \$862.00. Our ending balance for September was \$10,000.00.

VP fundraising – Beth Wallace

Shoe fundraiser has begun! We already have two bags of shoes, with only 98 bags to go. It averages out to about 4-5 pairs per student to get to our magic number. There will be a box at the Old Firehouse. We need to find some storage space until it is ready to be picked up. Mr. Peltz has some space that can be used in the building. Keisha Ruth is going to monitor shoes being dropped off at the school.

VP Membership- Heidi Gibson

We are still at 148 PTA members, so we continue to boost membership.

Delegate

BOE- Alyssa Soloff: 10/13

- * school board had the state Auditors review the treasurer reports- they thanked the Autumn Reed for her thorough reports and hospitality
- * Mighty Goliath presented \$11,000 to the Performing Arts department. They hope to put on the show Shrek in April
- * Dr. Jack Dibee presented the survey to the board regarding Online learning. Most parents (41%) are highly satisfied with online learning at Troy and overall 45% of online parents would re-enroll their child in remote learning for the 2nd semester.
- * since the technology problems have subsided parents are much happier
- * they are using this information to decide on future staffing
- * the 2nd semester window will open soon and close at the end of November. All students will have an opportunity to enroll in remote if they would like to.
- * Food Service update....they have met the challenge of COVID lunch- they have added people to help with lunches.
- * COVID FUNDS- added \$451,041
- * Payment to Open Door for a monthly lease of the use of the church for school

- * Loretta Clark has donated \$2,000 every year for a winning senior for 10 years. Details for qualifications are with the school board
- * ALCS have had \$1,600,00 in unanticipated expenditures for the year
- * Nov. board meeting will have the district forecast based on the expenses for the year
- * not sure if more \$\$ will come from fed/state
- * decisions will have to be made on how to use the \$\$
- * ALCS had \$\$ to open up 5 days a week full time

Council – Charla Rafn: Bill 358 was put forth to waiver high stakes testing, but it has not yet gone completely through. Our district is still trying to petition the Governor to waive the testing. Avon Lake received a grant for 60 laptops that comes with a free month of wifi. If anyone knows a family who might benefit from this, please reach out to Mr. Peltz. These are meant to go to families who have already qualified for assistance, or are applying for assistance. How can parents meet the emotional needs of our students right now? Dr. Megan Barlowe spoke at the meeting and suggested regularly checking in with our kids. She also suggests staying calm in situations in order to model positivity. She also proposed a new committee to the PTA: Avon Lake Cares. This is a partnership committee that stands for Avon Lake Community Advocates for Relief and Support. It is difficult to help our teachers in ways that we did before because of COVID restrictions. This is a way to provide support to staff and teachers in new ways; a meal or social work support, or classroom supplies and necessary tools. This has not been formally adopted, but they would like one committee member from each building. We want to create a culture where teachers feel safe to ask for something when and if they need it.

Committee Reports

Virtual Book Fair 10/12 – 10/25 – Kari Samuels: As of this morning, we have zero sales. We have a balance of \$1,162.33; we can let this sit and build, request a check, let teachers/library purchase books. We will send another reminder out before it ends on 10/25/20

Reflections – Stephanie Phelan: Entries are due Nov.19th and can be turned into the offices in each building. We need to push the information out to the students. It will be shared in morning announcements and also shared on Mr. Peltz’s blog. Shelley will share it on Facebook as well.

New Business

Truck or Treat at the High School 10-31 (2:00-4:00) *see above*

1st Day School Supplies *see above*

Adjourn

Important Upcoming dates:

Book Fair (Virtual) 10-12 through 10-25

Shoe Collection Fundraiser 10-19 through 12-19

10/30 End of 1st quarter

11/2 Teacher In Service Day – No School

PTA Meeting 11/17

Thanksgiving Break 11/25-11/27

Adjourn 10:02am
11 attendees