



## **KILGOUR PTA Meeting MINUTES**

### **Wednesday, April 15, 2020 6:00 p.m. on Zoom**

**Executive Officers:** President Chandler Dektas; President-elect Ryan Wenstrup-Moore; Treasurer Holly Carlson; Recording Secretary Erin Carpenter; Budget Chair Jacob Morvay

**6:03 p.m.** Chandler called to order

#### **Minutes approval: Chandler**

Jan/Feb/March minutes sent with meeting invite

Motion to approve: Tenney

2nd: Ryan

Approved

#### **Open Positions for 20-21: Chandler**

VP and Treasurer are critical roles to be filled

Other openings: Wellness, Kilgour's Got Talent

Room Parent Coordinator filled by Kerrin Smith

#### **Great Gatherings: Shannon**

Difficult decision was made with input of Ryan and Chandler to officially cancel all GG's that had been marked "postponed", and all those on the books through May.

Currently contacting all hosts, then all ticket holders - will give option for refunds or donations of ticket costs

#### **Kilgour's Got Talent: Youngwon**

Originally explored option of doing a virtual talent show, but lack the technical resources

Difficult decision was made to cancel talent show

Currently trying to make a video compilation to celebrate our talented kids - capturing elements of auditions and the background

#### **Yearbook: Tenney**

Spring is typically when many photos are taken for yearbook

Will be depending on parents to fill in gaps: CTA to send their photos of clubs, event, first day of school, etc.

Missing field day photos, photos typically taken on site

Planning to outreach to parents by email, FB

Angela asking teachers to communicate the ask to parents as well

#### **Student engagement ideas: Discussion**

Spirit Week, more fun than educational compared to CPS's district one - Ryan

Sidewalk chalk/window signage - Gina

D'Angel: can add these "events" to morning announcements

#### **Teacher appreciation: Chandler**

What can we do for teachers?

Angela: other schools have done gift cards, e-cards with pizza and redbox, yard signs in teachers' yards

Yard sign idea got a lot of support in Zoom chat

#### **Principal update and Q&A: Angela**

Powerschool glitches resolved



Many teachers unhappy w/ having to move to Google Meet - but district decision that we must abide by  
Another district meeting this week - will be sharing feedback about Google Meet  
Message to parents: take a breath, you won't be judged on your homeschooling skills, your staff/teachers are here doing their best  
Should hear by last week of April on whether schools will reopen - unlikely to reopen. Even if restaurants and other businesses reopen May 1, schools are unlikely. Building hasn't been fully cleaned yet.  
Next update: this Friday w/ asst superintendent

**Question: will students be able to clean out lockers?**

Answer: Only after governor's ban is lifted. No one has access to building except building operator - teachers were briefly in the building last week to gather learning supplies (some of them).

**Question: what about next fall? Remote learning plans - will there be more consistency?**

Answer: Kilgour, HP, Evanston working together; all of CPS is looking at a "pandemic plan" that would apply for any future closures that may come next fall or beyond. CPS needs to be equitable - working to understand who has vs needs devices

**Question: why isn't there more coordination/continuity amongst grade-level teacher teams, so all kids are getting same level of engagement/virtual instruction?**

Answer: Angela meets with teacher teams weekly and can pass along parent feedback. Know our teachers have varying degrees of technical proficiency.

**6th Grade: Discussion**

What to do with funds raised? PTA is holding the funds until 6th grade parents to decide  
Need to convene parent committee to determine action: may be possible to celebrate in late summer, do something low/no contact, etc.

Angela/D'Angel to determine whether buses were cancelled

Tosha: lead parent in 6th grade - would like to donate bus funds to next year's class. Another option: It may be able to be refunded.

Chandler: table discussion for 6th grade parents to decide; not a PTA matter

**New business:**

- Carnival - Kimatha passing on all info to Amanda for 20-21
- Chandler: Foundation met last week. Dedication for field & playscape is planned for late summer/early fall - do we want to do a back to school carnival as well? CD said it wasn't her purview, it would be Ryan's - but also timing will put us in auction planning mode. May need to do smaller scale using games we have.
- 5K officially cancelled by KSB. May move to the week before school resumes.
- Field is finished. Enough funds to finish big playground. Kinder playground has been paused due to lack of funding & resources.
- Teacher appreciation funds - we have some, do we need more?
- Room parent funds - leftovers should rollover to end of year gift - waiting on official declaration that school will remain closed
- How can we make sure we make any gift card purchases at local businesses? Agenda item for May
- Can/should we engage restaurants who typically partner with us? Consensus: let's support the restaurants who support Kilgour
- Outreach: Do we have Kilgour families in need?

Angela: no new requests from Kilgour families beyond initial requests for help accessing learning resources/packets. CPS has an Amazon wish list

Amanda/Kelsey/Megan reached out to CPS office - need donations of hygiene items, supplies, cash - working on how to coordinate delivery of donations



**7:20pm:** Tenney moved to adjourn; Holly 2nd