**Oriole Park Local School Council**

Minutes

May 17, 2021

Start time: 6:00 p.m.

**Virtual Meeting – Email** [**triff@cps.edu**](mailto:triff@cps.edu) **for instructions and an invitation to attend.**

1. Call to Order
   * 6:11pm – we
2. Pledge
3. Roll Call
   * Present: Norm, Cheryl, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Schurmann, Mr. Riff, Mr. McConnell, Emily
   * Absent: Donna, Jenny, Pat, Dove
4. Approval of LSC Meeting Minutes From April 7, 2021 and May 4, 2021
   * Motion to approve the meeting minutes: Emily
   * Second: Mr. Riff
   * Norm: May 4 meeting minutes – add Emily’s name; switch Donna’s name from absent to tardy
   * Motion passes with a unanimous roll call vote
5. Acceptance of Agenda
   * Motion to accept: Emily
   * Second: Norm
   * Motion to accept agenda passes unanimously – roll call vote
6. Monthly Action Items
   * Fundraising Activities
     1. No fundraising activities
   * Budget Transfers
     1. Motion to approve budget transfer – Emily
     2. Second – Mrs. Kelly
     3. Unanimous decision to accept budget transfer – roll call vote
   * Internal Accounts Approval
     1. Student fees – most people are paying close to what they would normally pay. Normally we would collect $60,000, and this year we are just above $17,000.
     2. Motion to approved: Norm
     3. Second: Mrs. Kelly
     4. Unanimous decision to approve internal accounts – roll call vote
7. Principal’s Report/Budget Presentation
   * We are in the middle of IAR testing for 3rd-8th grade.
     1. Not a lot of participation from remote students, but most hybrid students are participating.
   * We have not had to close any classrooms due to COVID, only one teacher was exposed in fourth quarter, but outside of school.
   * We have formed a committee to begin looking at our science curriculum and how we can establish a more cohesive curriculum.
     1. Teachers and admin are on this committee right now.
   * Budget report:
     1. This is NOT final yet.
     2. Mr. Riff detailed the funds that we control within our school: Local funds, SGAA Funds, and Title 2 funds (federal funds), and funds we do NOT control.
     3. This year, we are in a net loss of 108,000 due to loss of students, and loss of Title 2 funds which are controlled by federal government (for whatever reason, we were allocated 40,000 less than usual, and we are not exactly sure why). When Mr. Riff opened our budget WITH every staff member and their salaries, we were in a hole of $299,000. We did gain a SPED position and a half.
     4. Mr. Riff met with the resource team at CPS. They determined that based on our numbers, we need to cut a homeroom and ½ an art teacher.
     5. We are waiting to hear about an enrollment advance of about 150,000 to keep all other teacher positions, but we should be able to meet that.
     6. We really need to get OPS cares up and running, and student fees next year.
     7. Mr. Riff has talked to CPS about how it is a really bad look for us to lose teachers when we are trying to attract more kids to the school. He is not able to convince people about how many kids we may be able to get back.
     8. Are we going to hear any new information about the budget before we vote on it?
        1. Will they give us the $150,000 enrollment advance?
        2. Budget cuts are cut and dry – losing teacher positions is based on seniority.
     9. Confidence level about OPS Cares?
        1. 90% confident we can run it. If PODs don’t exist, it won’t be a problem.
     10. We don’t know who is going to come back to OPS. If lots of students come back, we would get funding the middle of October.
     11. Organization chart is going to change, and some classes may be crowded next year.
     12. Wait list? If it comes down to it, we could take 2 kids per class in K-3, that would be an extra 25-30 kids. Because class size is a foundational issue, bringing kids from outside the classroom doesn’t seem like a great idea, but it is a short term solution.
     13. The teachers got more expensive.
     14. Mrs. Schurmann appreciates and trusts that you are doing the best you can with what you have, and we as a board fully trust that you will advocate for OPS and put us in the best position possible.
8. New Business
   * Budget Vote
     1. This will be tabled. The budget is not
   * Vote on proposed change to LSC bylaws
     1. Norm motions that the proposed bylaws on page 7 of the LSC bylaws be amended as posted on the website.
     2. Mr. Riff – second
     3. Roll call vote – unanimous decision to change LSC bylaws
     4. Dove will need to sign page 10. He has a good copy of page 7. He will turn it in to the school, and then Emily will sign it. We will then turn it in to the law department.
   * Principal evaluation
     1. Bridget and Mr. Riff will meet tomorrow to discuss preliminary scores.
9. Announcements
10. Agenda Items for Next Meeting
    * Schedule organizational meeting – during the first 2 weeks of July
    * Replacement member for Pat Kelly
11. Motion to adjourn
    * Donna motions to adjourn
    * Jenny seconds
    * Unanimous decision to adjourn