**Oriole Park Local School Council**

Minutes

January 11, 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 – 6:53pm
2. Pledge
3. Roll Call
   * All current LSC members present, along with several public participants
4. Approval of LSC Meeting Minutes From January 5, 2021
   * Motion to approve LSC minutes – Donna
   * Second – Emily
   * Unanimous decision to approve minutes from January 5, 2021 (roll call vote)
5. Acceptance of Agenda
   * Motion to accept – Tim
   * Second – Emily
   * Unanimous decision to accept agenda (roll call vote)
6. Monthly Action Items
   * Fundraising Activities
     1. No fundraising activities
   * Budget Transfers
     1. Motion to approve: Donna
     2. Second: Jenny
     3. Unanimous decision to approve budget transfers (roll call vote)
   * Internal Accounts Approval
     1. There hasn’t been much movement
     2. Motion: Donna
     3. Second: Bridget
     4. Unanimous decision to approve the internal accounts
7. Principal’s Report
   * Biggest take away from the first day of school (TODAY!) – it is super important that the kids have the health screener filled out before you get to school (there is a link on the website)! Please spread the word about this.
   * Last week the school hosted 2 Q&A sessions about school re-opening. The presentation is on the website if you’d like to see it. There will be 2 more at the end of the month (closer to February 1 when everyone comes back).
   * The administration is still working on classroom assignments and schedules, but are waiting to hear about leave accommodations and requests. To be clear – leave requests are for people with valid medical concerns about completing their work in-person. We do expect that some of the regular teachers will not be back in the building, and this will impact our planning.
   * CPS has created 4 additional positions for the school to help with the leaves and additional staffing needed to implement smaller class sizes and social distancing. We hired 2 intervention specialists, but are still looking for more people. If you know of anyone interested in working with kids or in education (in this capacity), please reach out to Mr. Riff.
   * CPS has agreed to give a Chromebook /iPad to any kid who does not have one - all students who are at the school will have a device to use during the day (they will NOT bring personal devices to school).
   * CPS has purchased teachers a wide-angle camera and a microphone
   * Even if your student is signed up “hybrid”, they will only be in-person for 2 days a week.
   * About 482 students have chosen hybrid model (others will remain fully remote).
   * Mr. Riff – we are NOT disbanding our equity committee OR making efforts to block equitable instruction at OPS just because it is no longer a body of the LSC. Equity is a district wide effort – there is an office of equity in CPS and a district requirement that we strive toward equity. We have work to do making clear what equity is and what it should look like, and how we can move forward together. Equity is not a political issue or a zero-sum game – equity for us is that every kid who walks into the door has the same opportunity as everyone else to succeed.
   * Questions: You have 6 months to complete the 9 LSC trainings – let’s get it done as soon as possible so that we all have clarity of purpose.
   * We had two recent resignations from the LSC and at the next meeting we will discuss how we will fill those openings.
8. New Business
9. Public Participation
   * Dani – seems like a long time to take to fill the LSC vacancies if we can’t discuss tonight (if we discuss it at the February meeting, then those positions really wouldn’t be filled until March at the earliest and that feels like a long time). Also, is there an estimation for when there will be a POD schedule?
   * Mr. Riff – We are planning and scheduling the best we can, but until we receive word about the leave requests, we don’t know for certain which staff members we can count on in the building. We need to wait until those are finalized before we can send updates to families, and we aren’t sure when we will know this information.
   * Jenny - Can we hold a special meeting to discuss filling the vacancies?
   * The council agrees that we should hold a special meeting to fill the vacancies faster.
   * The council agrees to meet next Wednesday (January 20) for a special meeting to determine the process by which we will fill the spots, and at the February meeting we will determine WHO will fill the spots.
10. Announcements –
    * Norm’s landline has been out of order for a while, but if he calls AT&T, then he has to pay for the service and he’s not sure if his phone even works. Does anyone still have a landline where you plug the phone line in? He is wondering if he can come try it out to make sure the phone works before he calls AT&T.
      1. Bridget is going to help him out!
    * 16th district CAPS meeting is tomorrow (January 12) at 6pm – this information will be sent in the virtual backpack tomorrow
      1. As we heard at the last meeting, there has been some destruction (broken glass, hoop house fire, etc.) on school grounds out of school time. Neighbors are concerned that this has been going on for a long time and we want to try to crack down on this. The school is aware and working with the proper channels, but community members can also voice their concern at the CAPS meeting if they would like.
11. Agenda Items for Next Meeting
    * Amendment of LSC bylaws (this could be tabled)
    * Process to fill the open positions on the LSC.
12. Motion to adjourn
    * Motion to adjourn – Emily
    * Second – Donna
    * Unanimous decision to adjourn