



Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2020 – 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Our Mission: To foster close relationships between the home and the school and provide volunteer and financial support for parents and teachers to work cooperatively in the development and education of children at Mitchell Elementary School. We welcome and embrace Mitchell families and promote inclusive membership regardless of race, sex, class, sexual orientation, age, socioeconomic status, religion, or ability. Mitchell PTO strives to promote participation in broader educational programs in our community.

Welcome and Introductions

- Attending: Matt Hilton, Alison Epler, Katie Hopgood, Victoria Engling, Kraig Harrison, John Franks, Pete Finnie, Heather Finnie, Meghan Nollen, Jill Rachele Stucker, Alvin Hill, Ashley Robinson.
- PTO Pres. Katie Hopgood welcomed the group and reviewed Zoom guidelines/suggestions:
 - Please mute your mic.
 - Please label your window with your name.
 - Please try to submit questions in the chat.
 - Please raise your hand and wait to be called upon before unmuting your mic.
 - Please try to limit logging in to one device per household to minimize audio interference.
 - If you are zooming while in motion, please turn your camera off.
 - Votes will be held by voice. If a clear majority is not discernible by voice vote, we will ask each member to record their voice via the chat function. Yes, No, or abstain.

Principal's Report - Mr. Hilton and Alison Epler

- Report cards will be sent home via secure email. The password is the student's birthday.
- Matt and Alison have been preparing the building for a return to in-person school.
- The 5th Grade MStar music program will start after break. It offers small group lessons by UofM Grad students. They will be doing their best using Zoom. Alvin Hill volunteered to help the Zoom lessons go smoothly.
- Tomorrow night, there will be a second briefing on Phase One of the Bond plans for a new Mitchell building. Planning groups will start working in 2021.

Treasurer's Report - Pete Finnie and Meghan Nollen

- Money will be coming in from Amazon Smile as well as the last two restaurant nights.
- There will be another Dine to Donate at Tmaz Taqueria tomorrow.
- A Corporate Donation from Toyota has been approved.

PTOC Report - Rachele Stucker

- There was a PTOC meeting last night. The theme was growing, surviving, and thriving.

- Each PTOC rep discussed how their PTOs are adapting this year through the pandemic.
- There have been a lot of virtual dance parties. Some schools have been doing movie nights. Some schools are still doing yearbooks and asking families to send in photos.
- Katie suggested that Alvin might DJ and host a dance party.

Old Business

- The Sensory Path partnership with Huron High School is on hold.
- We're going to move the Scholastic Book Fair to March for Reading Month.
- The Directory is still live. Submissions can still be added via the google form.
- Mitchell Builds event is still going. Families can log in to see projects.

New Business

- Science Olympiad has a head coach - Ashley Robinson. Science Olympiad will be fully virtual and starts January 11th.
 - There will be themes for each month. January's theme is Data. February's theme will be biology and DNA. March will be "We can build it." April will be "To the Moon and Back" and students will keep a moon journal. May will be "Back to Nature."
 - It will be student led and student driven. They will do about 15 to 20 minutes of screen time and then work on projects on their own,
 - Students will record a video of their work and send it to their coach.
 - Students will need a device and a google account.
 - Grades 2 through 5 can participate.
 - They are waiving fees this year.
 - There will be a sign up google form going home soon. Students can sign up for any month they are interested in.
- Restaurant Nights
 - There is a Restaurant Night at TMaz all day tomorrow.
 - \$200 will be coming in from Wicked Mary's.
 - Heather looked into Little Caesar Pizza Kits. She thought it seemed expensive with the shipping costs.
 - They looked into the Doughraiser Fundraiser at Hungry Howie's. The program is suspended until further notice.

Secretary Report - Victoria Engling

- Heather made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 2020. Kraig seconded. All approved.

Open Discussion

- Alison wishes everyone a wonderful, restful break.

Meeting Adjourned.