



Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2021 – 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, Ingrid Racine, Larry Kowalski, Kristin Ochomogo, Frances Lazette, Kerry Jahn-Drone, Katie Hopgood, Victoria Engling, Kraig Harrison, John Franks, Pete Finnie, Heather Finnie, Meghan Nollen, Jill Rachele Stucker.
- 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

- The MStars Music Program will launch very soon. A communication to 5th Grade families will go out by the end of the week. Mitchell parent Alvin Hill will be joining this year to help support the program.
- Mid-Winter break will take place Feb. 12th through 15th.
- AAPS is starting to discuss a return to school through Hybrid learning. There will be a lot of communications and presentations coming out to explain how this will work, including things like protocols, social distancing expectations, mask wearing, what parents will be asked to do, etc. School will not be the same and PTO events will not be the same. Children will not be able to share supplies and won't be able to sit closely together. Students will have the same teachers that they have now.

Secretary Report - Victoria Engling

- Minutes for December 2020 were approved by the group.

Treasurer's Report - Pete Finnie and Meghan Nollen

- Teacher grants came out of the account in December.

PTOC Report - Rachele Stucker

- The next PTOC will be January 25th from 7pm to 8:30pm. The themes will be Equity, Awareness and Privilege, and Technology in Education.

Old Business

- The Sensory Path partnership with Huron High School is on hold. Mr. Hilton plans to talk to those planning now that a new building is being built. It may change some of the plans.
- 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.
- 19 students are enrolled in Science Olympiad this month.
- We have a Restaurant Night fundraiser coming up on Friday at Antonio's Coney Island. Order must be called in to Antonio's. We are continuing to support small businesses. Tmaz made an additional donation to our school, giving us a check for \$340.00.

New Business

- International Week will take place the first week of May. We will be sending out a google form to collect recipes from families. Each week in May will have a Dine to Donate showcasing food from a different culture each time.

Open Discussion

- 5th Grade Graduation - start discussing what we should do to help them celebrate.
- A parent asked Mr. Hilton if there will be a parent committee in the planning of the new Mitchell building. Mr. Hilton said that there are plans for parent input, but there is no definitive timeline yet.
- Alison Epler said a special Thank You to the PTO for bringing them goodies before break.

Meeting Adjourned.