

Steuart W. Weller Elementary School
PTO All Hands Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2021

Called to order by: Jenn Shelton and Bob Shelton, President(s), 8:00 AM

Meeting Venue: Due to COVID-19 restrictions implemented by state and local authorities, meeting is conducted virtually via Google Meets.

Board Members in attendance: Jenn Shelton, Bob Shelton, Kasonya Blevins, Quan Tran, Carolina Pardo

General Membership in attendance count: 35

Principal Update:

- **Covid-19**
 - Thank you parents for notifying us. Julia reports it to LCHD and those that are in contacts.
 - If a student is not fully vaccinated (2 full weeks after 2nd dose), they have to isolate
 - It is not recommended to test right away
 - School Nurse - Evangelina, she is a registered nurse that also works in the ER. She is able to coach parents and explain when to get tested. There are tested at school, they are different from the home test because they have to be proctored. You have to have a telehealth visit and they will watch you take the test and results
 - Loudoun County website - 2 elementary schools are administering vaccinations.
 - It is helpful to notify the school, you can send in a copy of the vaccination card so the school has the dates. It is not a mandate.
- **Enrollment:** started the school in the lower 600s, we are now at 650.
- **Lucky Lunches:** Thank you everyone for all your generosity. They were wildly popular.
- **PSA** - if your child is missing something, lost and found is very robust. Please have your child

Lisa - Public Education, based out of the Fire Marshal's office - Fire Safety Education

- Winter Holiday Fire Safety
- Biggest Focus this time of year: Home Heating
 - Have your heating system inspected and cleaned each year by a professional.
 - Biggest issue - keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from heat source
 - Fireplace or Wood Stove:
 - Do not burn paper in your fireplace/wood stove
 - Put the fire out before you go to sleep or leave your home.
 - Hot ashes can burn for several days - put ashes in a metal container
 - Space Heaters:
 - Turn off before bed or leave the room
 - Do not plug into an extension cord or power strip
 - Cooking:
 - Most common
 - Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, boiling, grilling or broiling food
 - Stay in the home when simmering, baking, or roasting food

- Decorations:
 - Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant
 - Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb
- Candles:
 - Use battery-operated flameless candles, when possible
 - Keep lit candles 12 inches from anything that can burn
 - Extinguish them when you are unable to supervise
 - Matches & lighters - please keep these away from kids
- Christmas Tree:
 - Ensure tree is fresh, clean cut at bottom so that it can
 - Turn off lights before leaving home or going to bed
 - Get rid o the tree after Christmas or when it is dry.
- Fireworks:
 - Please purchase from the county in order to guarantee that they are legal fireworks
 - Soak fireworks when completely done
- Safety All year Long - Smoke Alarms
 - One on each level, one outside each bedroom and in each bedroom
 - Home Escape Plans
 - Discuss where you go, what's a safe distance away
 - Fire Drill - 2x per year
 - If there is a fire and you make it outside, please stay outside
 - Carbon Monoxide
 - Occurs when fuel doesn't burn completely
 - Having an alarm is important
 - Having one per level is important
- Knowing what the smoke alarm is and knowing what you have to do
- There is a new alarm
 - Photoelectric is good in the kitchen

Winter Camp

- Thank you - Grand Tiger Martial Arts - offered a winter camp next week. If you need something fun, it is available to you. If you mention Steuart Weller, you do get a discount - \$160 for the three days which includes field trips and lots of fun.

Spirit Wear - will be coming home today (12/17)

Community Liaison (Annie Nichols)

Annie Nichols - "Thank you to everyone for supporting the families that were in need. It means a lot to the community"

Upcoming Events:

- Teachers Lounge beautification - PTO would like to partner with teachers, parents. We want to know what is important and work with corporate sponsorship.
 - NOTES:
 - Currently waiting to hear feedback from staff about what they would like added
 - Cleaning and Organizing
 - Creating more storage
 - Painting

- Making it a bright and inviting place for our teachers.
- Goal: spring project
- *Where teachers can go and recharge
- Area with a brag board: you can put up a positivity note for a coworker or student.
- Charging station
- Donations:
 - Thank you for all of your donations. They will be picked up and delivered to be handed out into the community
- Spring
 - Fun Weller Spirit Day
 - Hair Painting

Reminder

- Next PTO Meeting - January 28th
- To all the parents, please let us know what you would like to hear more about

Motion to adjourn meeting: 2nd Bob Shelton

Meeting adjourned: 8:43 AM