

**Steuart W. Weller Elementary School**  
**PTO Meeting Minutes**  
**October 26, 2020**

Called to order by: Anthony Borradori, President, 8:00 AM

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

**Board Repots**

**President's Report – Anthony Borradori**

- Welcome message
- Review agenda for day:
  - President's report
  - Treasurer's report
  - Principal's Report
  - PTO Activities

**Treasurer's Report – Carrie Wright**

- No updates on budget items from previous meeting
- Photo Shoot:
  - Fundraising photo shoot to pull families together
  - 2 sessions – both filled, 9-5pm, 20 minute sessions
  - Can purchase vouchers that do not expire, must purchase by 10/31
    - Same terms apply for the vouchers as the photo shoot day

**Principal's Report – Julia Burton**

- K-2 return of students – October 27 & 28
  - Classroom locations have changed due to number of students who will be returning
  - Tuesday morning – kids picked up directly outside and walked to their classrooms (escorted)
    - Escorting kids for first few weeks will occur to ensure they remember where their new class location is and to keep physical distancing
  - Will be teaching kids how to give air-hugs and air-high-fives
  - Playground structures:
    - Students are not allowed on playground structures due to sanitization issues
    - Will have other outdoor games for the students
  - Enrollment – Have lost about 100 students due to moving, private school enrollment, home-schooling
    - Planning for future years – the county will use last year's enrollment to make decisions (staffing, budgeting, etc.)
    - Board of Education will make final decision
- Questions for Julia on return to school:

- Recess – Will sports equipment be available for use?
  - Working on details
  - Footballs, soccer balls, etc – Kids will not be able to play with balls due to touching
  - Working with PE staff to come up with outside activities
  - Will sanitize any equipment they do use before being used by another student
- Social distancing outside – Will kids need to be 6’ feet apart outside?
  - Yes. We asking kids to stay 6’ apart outside
  - If the kids are wearing masks outside, they still need to be apart so they can have a mask break
  - Not encouraging being closer than 6’ apart at anytime
- Lunch – Will kids eat in the cafeteria once 3-5 returns?
  - Kids eating at desks while K-2 is back as there is enough support to clean desks
    - If it becomes too messy, they will move to cafeteria
    - Staffing is the issue to allow everyone to eat in classroom
  - Once 3-5 returns, lunch will be in the cafeteria
- Buses – What will seating on buses be like?
  - Family members can sit together, otherwise assigned seats
  - Max of about 15 students per bus
  - Bus driver will assign seats and the seats are numbered
  - Every other seat is occupied
  - Some routes will have double runs to accommodate all students
  - Parents will have specific times
  - Have been told all bus times have been loaded into Parent View
- Bus return times – Will we have two return times potentially?
  - Yes. There could be multiple return times.
- If you cannot use bus for day, can you go to school another way?
  - Yes. You drop-off at car loop or walk-in door for walking students

### **Pumpkin Contest**

- Photo site is up and running. A fun activity for the kids to be involved in
- Contest is being promoted by teachers during their morning meetings
- Will there be morning announcements for the kids?
  - Not enough staffing at the moment
  - Will have live-streamed morning announcements once 5<sup>th</sup> grade returns
- Will promote submissions through message from Julia and Facebook
- Voting open to all beginning 10/30

### **Pie Sales**

- Mom’s is not doing fundraising events at the moment
- Carrie has talked with them and there is a chance they will start sales for end of December holidays
  - We will keep in touch and check for opportunities as the year progresses

### **Spirit Wear**

- Anthony to visit studio on 10/23 to look at items
- Adding additional items to the standard shirt and sweatshirt options for purchase
- Will send artwork to vendor, discuss online store, pricing, and shipping

### **No Frills Fundraiser**

- Will start our No Frills Fundraising effort
- Ask will be made with consideration to the varying financial situations all are currently in
- We will ask for a targeted amount and for a specific use
  - Community support/care
  - Library funds to replace missing books and enriching classroom libraries
    - Extra books are needed to help during COVID protocols

### **New Grant Request**

- Special education teacher – wrote grant to build two sensory hallways
  - Grant total budget - \$2,000
  - Asking for \$1,300 from county
  - Looking for \$600 from PTO potentially if the grant is funded

### **Spirit Nights**

- 10/28 – Chipotle
- A few other spirit nights have been added and will be promoted through Facebook

### **Meeting Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn: Carrie Wright
- Second: Nancy Fuller
- Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM