

Shepherd Elementary PTO Meeting

November 18, 2020; 6:30; Virtual

Meeting Called to Order at 6:34 pm

Executive Board Attendees: Liz Bradley, Taryn Losch-Beridon, Ayana McIntosh, Andrea Smith, Sara Faulman

School Leadership Attendees: Dr. Hedlund, Ms. Rottman, Ms. Mack

Approximately 25 team attendees

Dr. Hedlund Updates

- Message of hope to the community
- The Chancellor has tasked the school with opening one CARES classroom by early January
- DCPS wide initiative called “Re-Open Community Corp”
 - LSAT Members are a part of the conversation
 - If you want to join reach out to Liz or Dr. Hedlund
 - The whole idea is to get stakeholder involvement for Term 3 return
 - Consideration of which grades get priority, staffing, facility issues
 - Meeting scheduled for next Monday (Nov. 23) (from 4-5)
- Playground: There was a request to have it opened.
 - Seems in good shape to be open at this time
- Parent Portal (Aspen)
 - Because of virtual circumstances they decided to open the parent portal to elementary students.
 - Everyone should have received an email with instructions; if you did not, please let the school know.
 - Ms. Rottman can trouble-shoot
- Press-Conference / Ribbon-Cutting
 - Shepherd was featured on the news as a simulation site
 - They came back on Thursday to do a little film on the Mayor’s website

Ms. Mack – IB Evaluation Update

- Slideshow of the evaluation process
 - Evaluation will be December 7-9, 2020
 - Administration met with the team this week
 - Evaluation will not disrupt instruction
- Parent Interviews: they are looking for additional parent volunteers on Tuesday December 8, from 8:30-8:50 (avani.mack@k12.dc.gov)
- How is IB working remotely
 - Focus on the attributes

- Give students the opportunity to be nominated
- Have had some virtual field trips connected to the theme
- Fridays are “Classrooms Going Global” where they discuss international events / issues
- When do we get results?
 - Should get them in the Spring of 2021

Sara Minutes from October 21 - > Quick review of minutes

Andrea: Budget Update

- 180 Fund Discussion – raised \$3,860 so far; goal is \$5000.
- We have purchased document scanners for the teachers to assist them in virtual instruction
 - Dr. Leonard → permits the students to actually see the work of teachers
- We ordered additional thermometers for when the schools do open
- Making sure the funds we receive go back to the school

Updates on Fundraising Opportunities for December

- Giving Tuesday and the 180 Fund
- Lynch Creek Farms (Holiday Wreaths)
 - Will be remote; we get 15%
- Mini Photo Sessions
 - Working with a photographer who will travel to your home for porch photography
 - School will get a portion of the fees
- Custom Ink
 - Items should be shipped out soon
 - Hoping for another vendor to come for more options.
- Dr. Leonard / Kiwanis Club donation of cleaning and sanitizing

Experts / Child Psychologists / Pediatricians

- Do we want to try to get experts to come and talk to us / answer questions about our kids and how we are dealing with the pandemic and distance learning
- We are exploring a panel for the December meeting
- Requested feedback from the community for topics

PAVE (Parents Amplifying Voices in Education) – Meaghan Mountford

- Parents Leaders in many Wards in the City
- PAVE is committed to bring diversity to the group

- Description on what the group does – testifying before the Council, trying to raise money, trying impact the budget, setting trauma informed training programs, Candidate Engagement Forums, etc.
- DCPAVE.org for events websites with updates.

Meeting called to a close at 7:11 pm