



May 5, 2021

Stokes PTA

Meeting Minutes

On May 5, 2021, the Stokes (Brookland) PTA met via Zoom.

Kristine called the meeting to order at 6:18pm. 22 people were in attendance.

Officers Present: Kristine Erickson, Jillian Jarrett, Wahi Chisolm, Erin Argueta, Alexis Tyndle, and Laura Alexander

Approval of Minutes from March 3 and April 7 PTA Meetings: Both sets of minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Wahi reported that the PTA account has a current balance of \$17,554.50. Since the last meeting, there have been three major sources of donations: masks; family fun walk; and general donations. There have also been two new members who joined the PTA and we received a refund of some erroneous bank changes. Major expenses during the period were supplies for the mask and for the family fun walk. Wahi has confirmed that playground funds held by the school will be transferred back to the PTA. Wahi will update the PTA once the funds are received.

Allocation of PTA Funds: Kristine introduced a proposal that had been previously circulated by email to award \$3,000 of PTA funds toward 5th Grade End of Year Activities, \$1,000 toward the Stokes Mutual Aid Fund.

The group discussed how the end-of-year funds would be used. 5th grade classes have secured Fort Dupont for field day, and parents are putting together swag bags and hope to have a restaurant cultural experience. The group discussed ideas for restaurants, and Mr. Bobby offered to make some connections with current and former parents with restaurant connections.

Wahi reported that a group of parents has approached him about additional funds for an international tour group, which Catherine Stratton Treadway confirmed is a separate idea from the classroom celebration that is the subject of the current funding.

Mr. Bobby reported that the school will be doing a live graduation with gowns and t-shirts and photographer (Mr. Fry).

Motion (Jillian) to allocate \$3,000 for 5th grade end-of-year activities. All in attendance (24) were 'yays'. Erin reported that 8 members who could not attend voted to approve the proposed disbursement of funds. **The motion passed.**

No one raised any discussion points on allocating \$1,000 to the mutual aid fund. Motion (Alexis) to allocate \$1,000 to the mutual aid fund. All in attendance (24) were 'yays'. Erin reported that 8 members who could not attend voted to approve the proposed disbursement of funds. **The motion passed.**

Staff Appreciation Week Update: Jillian updated on SAW and reported it is going well. There is still a need for volunteers for some slots for food delivery, and Jillian indicated she would re-circulate sign-up genius.

Recap of Family Fun Walk and Garden Clean-Up: Kristine reported that both events went well. We will be scheduling another garden clean-up for 5/15.

Call for Nominating Committee: This is the time to form the nominating committee to identify candidates for board members. Please inform PTA of interest by one-week from today. Yau Tyus expressed interest. Leadership asked for others to let the PTA know within a week.

New Business: Kristine opened the floor to new business.

1. *Questions for Mr. Bobby/Sra. Donado:* Mr. Bobby and Sra. Donado answered questions from PTA members about re-opening and in-person learning.

- **PK nap safety:** A question was raised in the chat about how PK students are being kept safe without masks during nap. Sra. Donado reported that all PK students are using masks and social distancing. Mr. Bobby reported that they keep the windows open for ventilation.
- **Wendt Center:** Mr. Bobby also talked about the Wendt Center and the upcoming First Friday event, encouraging everyone to attend.
- **Summer Programs:** Mr. Bobby also discussed the summer programs. The in-person programs will be about acclimating the students to being back in the building. The virtual programs will likely be a la carte classes of general interest.
- **Return to in-Person Learning:** Mr. Bobby also addressed a question about when 100% of kids will be back in person. He indicated that if the 3-foot-distance requirement is lifted, then can go to 100% immediately at both campuses. Even with the 3-foot requirement, East End can accommodate 100% of students. At Brookland, evaluating options for extra space and will hold a town hall on May 13 to present the options. The re-opening committee is looking at a building at 8th & Franklin that could accommodate Stokes plus additional schools, and so is talking with other schools about partnering. If nothing changes, Brookland would be lacking room for 6 classes. East End might be able to accommodate 2 grades (4 classes) but not all 6. Likely classes for East End would be 2nd and 3rd, but nothing decided yet.

Next PTA Meeting: June 2 at 6:15pm

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm.