

**Alanton Elementary School**  
**PTA**  
**Minutes**  
**General Member Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 23, 2020 7:00 PM**  
**Online Zoom Meeting**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:09 PM by Meghan Massie, PTA President via Zoom meeting
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Meghan Massie
3. In Attendance
  - a. Please see attached roster
4. Minutes
  - a. The minutes from the January 9<sup>th</sup> 2020 general meeting are posted on the PTA website. There were no changes or additions. The minutes stand as posted.
5. Officer Reports:
  - a. Principal's Report: Charlene Garran provided a verbal report
    - i. Thank you to all volunteers, PTA President and Board and congratulations to Mindi Friedman for the "Volunteer of the Year" award.
    - ii. Monday, April 27 schools will be transitioning to the new "Emergency Learning Plan".
    - iii. Smore Newsletter is being emailed out weekly with information and a way to stay connected as a community. Links to resources.
    - iv. SCA- Spirit Day once a week. Students can use Flipgrid.
    - v. Personal belongings - a task force working on arrangements.
    - vi. Spanish Immersion- Information and applications will be sent out soon.
    - vii. Staff appreciation week May 4-8. Staff appreciation day is May 5.
  - b. First Vice President: Meghan Massie for Kathleen Brennan provided verbal report
    - i. AES PTA Emily C Parks and Rosa Edwards Scholarship deadline is April 24<sup>th</sup>. Five students have submitted applications so far, more expected.
  - c. Second Vice President: Mindi Friedman
    - i. Contact Mindi if anyone has anything to post to the PTA Facebook page
  - d. President: Meghan Massie provided Verbal report
    - i. Still waiting for the 2018-2019 Audit.
    - ii. Updates have been made to the PTA Website.
    - iii. Nominations for new years board. All positions except Second Vice President, Mindi, are remaining in their current roles.
    - iv. Volunteers needed for the PTA awards committee.

- v. Volunteers needed for next year events and committee chairs. See sign-up on the PTA website.
- vi. Mission of the PTA is especially important in this time and we stay committed during this challenging time to support our community, students and teachers.
- e. Corresponding Officer: Meghan Massie for Christine Jones
  - i. Nothing received.
  - ii. Notes sent to Mrs. Anderson regarding mom, note for Mrs. Housianitis-Johnston for her new baby, Michelle Wood for Tax receipt, note to the Nadeau family for Michael's passing and a congratulations card to Mrs. Thomas for "Librarian of the Year".

7. Committee Reports:

- a. Alanton Specialist Team:
  - i. Mrs. Thomas: Students can keep their library books until a drop off date is planned. Students can access Virginia Beach Public Library through Clever.
  - ii. PE: Mrs. Thomas for Mrs. DeMartini: Friday May 8th Virtual Field Day.
  - iii. Art: Mrs. Thomas for Mrs. Johnston: Artwork will be handed out next school year except for the 5th graders who will pick it up when getting their other belongings.
  - iv. Ashley Smith: The gifted department is working on how to test the 1st graders since the original date got cancelled.
  - v. Fara Faust: If anyone has any technological issues please contact her. Working on some more computer science webinars.
- b. Alanton Dine-Out: No scheduled event, hold off until next year.
- c. Premiums: Kathleen Brennan provided Verbal report.
  - i. Box Tops are fading out and going digital. Reminder to link the Harris Teeter card and Amazon Smile. 3rd Grade Mrs. Turner won the last contest.
- d. 5th Grade Committee: Meghan Massie provided verbal report.
  - i. Ceremony and Pool party is cancelled due to the current situation.
  - ii. If you donated to the 5th grade Bridging you have two options. First option is to get a refund. Second option is to roll the funds over to another fundraiser.

8. New Business:

- a. Next PTA Meeting. A decision was made to hold the next PTA meeting virtually via Zoom.
  - i. Will include nominations and swear in the 2020-2021 PTA Board, discuss PTA Award Committee and Event Committee chairs.

- b. Website Overhaul
  - i. Thank you to Aaron Zimmer for volunteering to help update the website.
  - ii. Updating our PTA website from Wix to Memberhub. Bring Membership, Sponsorship and events online. This will allow members to sign up and even pay online along with the paper form option. It will streamline the process moving forward. Volunteers will be able to read about and sign up for events. Another addition will be a feedback form where people can add suggestions on what we can do to improve.
  - iii. Virginia Beach PTA is sponsoring the cost of \$1200 fee for Memberhub so we do not have to directly pay for it.

9. Announcements:

- a. Congratulation to Heather Thomas for the “Librarian of the Year” Award. Mrs Douglas Gangwer is going on maternity leave and Mr Housianitis will be her sub.
- b. Next PTA meeting will be held June 2 via Zoom Virtual meeting. Email will be sent out with links and reminders.
- c. New board members will be nominated in and sworn in at the June meeting.

10. Meeting Adjourned at 7:56 PM by Meghan Massie.

Submitted by,

Camilla Breault, Recording Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_ Minutes approved as presented      \_\_\_\_\_ Minutes approved as amended

Date Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_