

Alanton Elementary School
PTA Minutes
General Member Meeting
Thursday, September 17, 2020 7.02 PM
Online Zoom Meeting

1. Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by Meghan Massie, PTA President via Zoom meeting
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Meghan Massie
3. **In Attendance**
 - a. Please see attached roster
4. **Officer Reports:**
 - a. **Treasurer's Report:** Lara Lawrence as assistant to Helen.
 - i. So far this year we have few expenses and only income from Amazon Smile donations.
 - ii. As of 9/17/2020: \$17,079.59 on hand
 - b. **Principal's Report:** Charlene Garran provided a verbal report
 - i. Virtual school year is off to a great start. We have had a few technology glitches, but we are working through them. Thank you to Fara Faust and Heather Thomas for providing training and support for our staff and students.
 - ii. Big thank you for the Back to School Lunch for our staff sponsored by the PTA
 - iii. New school start time will begin September 29. Start time will be 20 minutes later than the current 8.40 am start. New time will be 9 am and dismissal will be 3.30 pm.
 - iv. An Email was sent out informing parents on how to pick up their car tags if their children are doing the car line. A form will be sent out to parents so they can let the school know their child's transportation plan.
 - v. Sign-ups for Kids Quest aftercare at Alanton are live.
 - vi. Alanton ES is planning on buying twenty large picnic tables. This will enable the students to have outdoor learning or snack areas and a space where they can have a mask break.
 - c. **President's Report:** Meghan Massie provided verbal report
 - d. **First Vice President:** Kathleen Brennan provided verbal report
 - i. We have implemented the new online membership enrollment on our PTA website. Members can pay online or with cash and check.
 - ii. There will be an option to add an extra donation and we have tried to make the website very easy to navigate.
 - iii. As of 9/17/2020: we have 92 members :)
 - e. **Second Vice President:** Meghan Massie for Collin

- i. We are working on our Spirit Wear for the year and will have more information coming later
- f. **President:** Meghan Massie provided Verbal report
 - i. Still waiting for the 2018-2019 Audit.
 - ii. Updates have been made to the PTA Website. We have added a Contact Form and Committee descriptions.
 - iii. Thank you to all the attendees, volunteers and everyone that wants to support the community, teachers and students.
 - iv. A big thank you to our Fifth Grade committee for putting together a great alternate Bridging ceremony for our fifth graders.
- g. **Corresponding Officer:** Christine Jones
 - i. We have not yet received any correspondence this year.
 - ii. We sent out a Welcome letter email to all the staff members and welcome note cards to all the new teachers and staff in their mailbox.
- h. **Volunteer Liaison:** Mindi Friedman provided verbal report
 - i. Volunteering will look a little different this year. Unfortunately, the schools are not allowed to have volunteers in the buildings, but there are plenty of tasks that can be done at home. If you are interested, please reach out to your teacher. Make sure you track your volunteer hours.
 - ii. If you are interested in volunteering there is a form on the PTA website where you can sign up. Currently we have had 9 responses.

7. **Committee Reports:**

- a. Hospitality
 - 1. Sponsored boxed lunches from Boxed Gourmet for the Welcome Back teacher luncheon.
 - 2. Looking for a chairperson
- b. Dine Out for Alanton
 - 1. Available potentially as take out/to-go? Still working on details for this one.
- c. Welcome Back Picnic
 - 1. Deferred
 - 2. Looking for a chair
 - 3. Looking for virtual ideas
- d. Jog 4 Joe
 - 1. Deferred until the spring, decided not to make it virtual
- e. Book Fair/Family Dinner Night
 - 1. Up in the air right now, ideas welcome
- f. Room Reps
 - 1. Looking for chairs

- 2. Interest form indicates: 15 responses
- g. Reflections
 - 1. Looking for chairs
 - 2. Virtual this year, theme is “I Matter Because”
 - 3. Submissions will be virtual and are required to be submitted to the city between October 28th and November 3rd
- h. Monster Mash
 - 1. Current Chairs: Amy Bonicoro and Kelly Kafigian
 - 2. Not the same type of event as before can not be in the building and we must promote social distancing and other CDC guidelines
- i. Premiums
 - 1. Looking for a chair
 - 2. Next week is National Box Top Week
 - 3. Everything is virtual now
 - 4. So far we have earned \$25
 - 5. Don’t forget to link your VIC card to Alanton :)
- j. Treats for Teachers
 - 1. Looking for a chair
 - 2. Different than last year so any ideas are welcome
- k. Watch DOG Dads
 - 1. No chair needed; unfortunately, due to existing guidelines, we will not be able to offer this program. If something changes, we will let the general membership know
- l. Breakfast with Santa
 - 1. Looking for a chair
 - 2. Different than last year, will need ideas
- m. ByLaws Committee
 - 1. Looking for a chair
 - 2. Time to update our bylaws and get them reapproved.
- 8. **Unfinished Business:**
 - I. Unfinished Business
 - a. 2018-2019 Audit: Still in progress; trying to retrieve
- 9. **New Business:**
 - I. 2019-2020 Audit: Can not begin until we receive the 2018-2019 audit
 - II. 2020-2021 Budget
 - a. Will be presented at the next General membership meeting on October 15th.
 - b. Input requested
- 10. **Announcements/Engagement**
 - I. Show us your learning space

II. Favorite trick you've picked up in the last two weeks to support virtual learning?

11. **Questions:**

1. Will 5th graders be allowed to be Safety Patrol? PEr Mrs Garran she would love for them to be able to offer the program, but the school is waiting for directions from the Division. Secondly, the A&N will hopefully be up and running with the 5th graders for the morning announcements when school comes back. This might be done through Google Meet or look at other ways they can participate.
 2. Is there a plan for Walkers/bikers? We will have a plan in place because we can not have parents come in the lobby anymore to pick up. We have one bike rack available.
 3. Bus routes and bus numbers have not been finalized yet.
- a. Meeting Adjourned at 7:48 PM by Meghan Massie.

Submitted by,

Camilla Breault, Recording Secretary

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Date Minutes approved _____