

Corpus Christi Parents' Group Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 24, 2020

7:04 pm Call to Order

Present: Michelle Shaulata, Michael Zapien, Kara Davison, Amanda Okamoto, Shannon Johnson, Liz Campbell, Bonnie Machuca, Robert Sajan, Jen Colgan, Ann Endress, Michael Sahlman

- Call to Order – Michelle Shaulata
- June 2020 Minutes Approved
- Introductions
- Moderator Update – Michael Sahlman
 - K-5 materials pickup went smoothly; nice for kids to see teachers and vice versa
 - Still waiting to receive the chromebooks (national shortage)
 - “Go slow to go fast” - theme the first few weeks to try to build a foundation
 - Learning hub - place for parents to go to find out more about what’s happening in the classroom
 - Had a problem with Zoom last week but it now seems to be fixed
 - Staffing updates:
 - Ms. Shaw is now our social media person (she now lives in Sacramento)
 - New 1st grade aide - Mrs. Moradi
 - Ms. Harper is back as 2nd grade aide
 - Transitioned from onsite bookkeeper to virtual
 - Aug. 8 graduation went well
 - Operational task force to work on various needs for the school (technology, facilities, health, etc.)
 - Back to School night is this Wed. 7-7:30 is all school meeting; 7:30-8:00 are class-specific meeting (teachers will send out Zoom links for the class-specific meetings)
 - Teachers loved their back to school gifts (“This is my Zoom mug” filled with goodies + \$200 Amazon gift card)
 - School size this year = 257 students (may still go up this year); budget was for 250
 - Question on having parents act as tech support for students during the day and whether that is the best option for tech support - per Michael, this was an idea from the operational task force to give parents volunteer hours (Liz to speak more on this in her section). It doesn’t replace school tech support. Opportunity for parent volunteer hours. Not intended for complex issues.
- President - Michelle Shaulata

- o Looks like we can provide parents with a tax deduction for parties purchased at last year's auction (where the parties did not happen) - got confirmation from an accountant
 - CCPG to send Michael a list of all people who are eligible and how much each spent (Jen Colgan to help pull this from Auctria)
- Secretary - Kara Davison
 - o No Updates
- Vice President – Michael Zapien
 - o Hours have changed this year from 35 to 20 (and 10 for a single-parent family)
 - o Tim Bratton is in charge of the website; Michael has reached out to him
- Treasurer – Amanda Okamoto/Shannon Johnson
 - o New contact for bookkeeping; will need a bit of documentation from CCPG
- Room Parent Coordinator – Liz Campbell
 - o Have all of the volunteer positions filled except some of the auction parents and tech parents; hard to fill the latter because there is no description of what the role is
 - In middle school grades, consider having students play this role
 - Unclear what the actual role is for the tech role and what it requires (Michael to follow up with Pam Nuti & get back to Liz)
 - Would this be better/more effectively handled by the school?
 - Could consider utilizing Slack or another tech platform to help parents communicate with one another when they need help
 - o Every class met on Zoom before school started (K-5 was families; 6-8 was just students)
 - o Looking for insight into what to communicate to families at this point
- TIP Chair – Bonnie Machuca
 - o Fed teachers lunches before the beginning of school
 - o Trying to figure out what to do about the traditional teacher luncheon thrown in Sept/Oct - how to manage this during distance learning
 - May want to rethink whether we do these types of “feeding the teachers” events while under SIP, or consider doing something to provide teachers with meal delivery gift certificates (consider supporting Corpus family-owned restaurants)
- Fundraising – Rob Sajan
 - o Still exploring how to approach fundraising this year; want to reach out to those who have been involved with Corpus fundraising in the past
 - o Start online giving program for the school
 - o Have a restaurant provide food that people subscribe to (school could net ~25% of proceeds)
- Mentor/Communications – Ann Endress

- o Created care packages over the summer in conjunction with the Enrollment committee to welcome new families
 - o 29 new families
 - o Organized virtual meet ups to help answer new families' questions
 - o Still planning monthly newsletter to new families; considering highlighting new families
- Parliamentary – Jen Colgan
 - o No updates
- New Business – Michelle Shaulata
 - o First aid training for the middle school:
 - Historically has been 7th & 8th; this year would like to include 6th
 - Students to be “trained” (online) but not “certified” (would have to demonstrate what they had learned in order to earn the certification)
 - \$30/student
 - Amanda requested to look further into CCPG’s finances before saying yes; school to go ahead and do this and ask for a motion to reimburse the school in Sept. CCPG meeting
 - Asked about how different funds will work this year - the amount CCPG typically starts the year with and how that money is typically distributed/what it funds (including funding first aid training); want to ensure we can fund the 6th graders too given other expenses
 - Per Michael, if CCPG can’t fund it 100% the school will find the money elsewhere
 - o Question on how fundraising will work this year, specifically around the WAT - Rob figuring out what the approach will be
 - Liz raised the idea of doing a “virtual walkathon” using an app
 - Need to be sensitive to people’s bandwidth to organize big events like this right now (skepticism around the ability to get people to do this)
 - Not going to do the WAT the way we’ve done it in the past
 - Let Rob know if you have ideas, particularly on how other schools are doing this
- Adjournment: 8:06 pm