

Minutes from PTA Meeting on 8/19/2021

Present:

1. Susan Stublely
2. Barbara Bingham
3. Lynette Bumgarner
4. Maggie Johnson
5. Jessie Barta
6. Sandy Whitaker
7. Ashley Painter
8. Stephanie Martin

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Shelter in Place went well and is required by district; also counts as a drill
- Putting more adults on carline
- Police rerouting to Walnut this week to keep traffic off of 25
- Teachers, staff, admins helping with carline when not on duty
- Hamburger bar lunch for staff -- Carolina and Greenville Meats
- Children are to remain 3' apart whenever possible
- Adults are to remain 6' apart at all times; otherwise, will have to quarantine if exposed
- No big gatherings inside school right now
- District nurse gets COVID Positive list from DHEC to compare with Gateway list
- No quarantine if adult is fully vaccinated and has no symptoms after exposure ●
- Gateway is diligently cleaning and spraying all rooms and surfaces
- Outdoor bench pickup for school work for students who have tested positive to pick up work; must be picked up by someone who is negative.
- Extra floor dots have been added to ensure 3' distancing
- Teachers got the choice of eating in classroom or cafeteria
- Numbers have been added to all cafeteria seats; children to be spaced every other seat ●
- Celebrations will be reimagined this year--possibly a new theme. Call on Room Mom and she will determine how many volunteers are needed and teachers will ensure proper protocols (gloves, distancing, etc)
- Celebrations will take place after school and outside would be ideal. Possibly separated by grade
- Grandparents Lunch--will also need to be reimagined. Spread out more, 1 family at a time, assigned seating

TEACHER'S REPORT

- Thank you to PTA for lunch!
- Email sent to teachers; waiting for feedback after they get through the first week

TREASURER'S REPORT

- \$26K available
- Basketball goals coming
- Picnic tables on the way

REFLECTIONS

- Theme: *I will change the world by...*
- Students must be registered by Oct. 1
- Can submit more than one submission
- Includes all students-K4-2, 3-5, Special Education
- All virtual through Google Slides

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

- 123 members currently
- 10 faculty; forms with QR code being added to teacher boxes

MISC

- PTA Meetings: 3rd Thursday of every month at 1 pm
- Next meeting will be on Sept 16 @ 1 pm
- Gateway is 1 of 2 schools with a dedicated police officer
- Birthday Book Club up to \$10 this year versus \$5 last year; 140 signups ● Curriculum Night will possibly be split up. Considering stations outside set up similar to Spring Market. Possible new theme. STEAM is a consideration as well as Science