



Home and School Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2021

ATTENDEES:

Officers: Kim Jaquez, Tiffany Mercer, Andy Phillips and Christine Taber

Staff: Katy Williams, Jaime Veal

Parents: Ashley McKanry, Angie Golembiewski, Sara Johns, Kayti Martin, Elaine Gearheart, Meagan Sliga

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS
Call to order & Introductions	The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm. Meeting was held virtually on Zoom due to COVID-19. Officers, staff and parents were introduced.
Principal/ Vice Principal's Update	<p>Katy Williams and Jaime Veal gave an update on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katy Williams extended thanks to Kim Jaquez and Kayti Martin for substitute teaching at Elmwood this year, which is much appreciated by staff. • Katy recognized Kristen Perhach, an Elmwood parent and author who has been working with the new school literacy team with Kate Bosch, Katie Jeske and Kate Stinton. They meet monthly with the goal to expand classroom libraries with books that align with Social Emotional Learning goals and celebrate diversity. Shout-out to Angie Golembiewski and Kerry Behrendt, Book Fair Chairs, for contributing Scholastic Dollars for the project. Kate Bosch who initiated the multicultural literature project is making a personal donation for additional books from a minority owned business, along with \$200 from Home & School funds. • 2nd semester starts February 1st. About 25 students are returning back to the building, and no additional families opted for virtual learning. Katy and Jaime provided information to newly returning families on safety precautions in place at Elmwood. • Katy shared about professional learning day yesterday, 1/18. There was a speaker for K through 8th grade on how to best utilize new resources and curriculum. Professional learning days are coming up on 28th and 29th to prepare for the semester changeover. • Jamie reviewed Social Emotional Learning that all classes participate in every Friday (2nd step). Anti-bullying lessons have been taught 1st semester and will be reinforced 2nd semester. • Jaime extended a big thank you to Recess Supervisor, Elaine Gearheart, and Student Learning Assistants, Kelly Owens and Heather Zortman, for supporting creative outlets for Junior Coaches. With their support, Junior Coaches made a creative video that was shown to staff yesterday and developed a new cheer/appreciation clap. • Jaime notes Playworks curriculum from classroom visit earlier this semester is continuing into 2nd semester with "train the trainer" approach. Trainers are teaching new games and cheers that promote Social Emotional skills. • APawz incentive for 2nd quarter is a movie celebration of the classrooms' choosing. Virtual students will receive a treat from Katy and Jaime, along with letters from students in the classroom.
Review/Approve Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sara Johns motioned to approve the November 19, 2020 Home and School Meeting Minutes, seconded by Angie Golembiewski . Approved by all.

<p>Treasurer's Notes</p>	<p>Checking account balance is at \$54,307.27 (\$10,639.42 belongs to the chess club) Available cash is \$42,112.07 Andy Phillips presented current budget update for 2020-2021 school year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income Section: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Artist in Residence carryover is \$1,000 from 2019 – 20</i> • Fundraising Section: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$110 from Citizens Bank “Match the Max” donation ○ School toolbox exceeded expected earnings ○ Mod Pizza & Texas Roadhouse Eat and Earn - \$507 total from both ○ Cub Run, formerly the Fun Run, is unlikely to take place this year. • Non-Income Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Elmwood teachers were given a classroom stipend of \$50 (50) = \$2,500 ○ Overage for excess seat sacks, will be used for students next year • Net Zero Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kindergarten T-shirts were purchased. ○ Seat Sack income is being collected.
<p>Past Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kim Jaquez shared about Staff Appreciation holiday tins, which were put together as an alternative to the traditional cookie walk. Elmwood families were generous with donations of prepackaged goodies, \$5 gift cards and hand-made thank you cards from students. Katy and Jaime noted the staff loved the tins and were very appreciative. • Kayti Martin shared about 2nd and 3rd grade virtual event. Kids enjoyed being able to see each other without masks, including friends learning virtually. Katy Williams, Jaime Veal and Katie Jeske were guest readers. Students also enjoyed a scavenger hunt and pet/stuffed animal show and tell. • November Book Fair sales totaled \$774, of which the school gets \$192 in Scholastic dollars for teachers to select classroom books. The spring book fair in March will again be online. • Home & School Exec board worked with Katy and Jamie to develop a list of 35 teachers to receive \$50 cash stipend to spend on school supplies. A thank you letter from Home & School was enclosed. Teachers are submitting receipts for their purchases, and Home & School has received some heartfelt thank you notes.
<p>Upcoming/Canceled/Revamped Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kwik Trip Car wash cards are now on sale. Flyers and paper order forms are going home with students soon. Orders are also being taken on the Home & School Weebly website. The cards will be delivered mid-February. • Home & School is seeking 4th, 5th & 6th grade parent volunteers to help plan virtual grade-level events. Interested parents can e-mail Home & School or reach out to Co-Presidents. • Panda Express Eat-and-Earn on Highway 100 on January 27th. This event is unique, as purchases at any Panda Express nationwide will be honored with Elmwood's code. The event will be advertised on the H&S Facebook page for easy sharing with friends and family. • Executive Committee will have vacancies next year for both Co-President and Treasurer. Please let Co-Presidents know if you have any interest in getting more involved with Home & School or if you know anyone with the interest or skills. Any help to outreach volunteers would be appreciated, especially as recruitment is harder without in-person interaction with families. • Ashley McKanry put in a plug for parents to submit yearbook photos. A link for parents to upload photos will be shared with in-person and virtual families. She and Sara Johns will start putting photos in pages after the March 1st deadline. Leah Schrententhaler has been taking photos at school, which has been very helpful. Ashley also encourages teachers to share photos of special events like APawz celebrations and spirit weeks.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home & School decided against holding Elmwood Raffle this year because of logistical issues during COVID. Prizes are typically sport or other in-person events that are not available this year.
Open Floor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kim Jaquez and Tiffany Mercer expect the Home & School directory to be available soon. The priority is for sign-up to go as smoothly as possible to promote participation. Kim appreciated parents who trialed PT Board and gave useful feedback. She was able to brainstorm with PT Board on some improvements. • Question was raised on how virtual students' photos will be included in the yearbook. The plan is to include them with their classes. Katy noted the importance of getting on the same page with what other elementary schools are doing. • Tiffany Mercer shared about Parent University events offered by the School District. March 23rd is the next event, "Calm Parents, Calm Kids: Managing Your own Reactivity". Information will be out in Paw Prints and promoted through Home & School channels.
Adjourned	Tiffany Mercer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Christine Taber seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.