



# Home and School Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2021

**ATTENDEES:**

**Officers: Kim Jaquez, Tiffany Mercer and Christine Taber**

**Staff: Katy Williams, Jaime Veal**

**Parents: Ashley McKanry, Sara Johns, Kate McFarlane, Meagan Sliga, Elaine Gearheart, Theresa Sebestyen, Rachael Morris, Mindy Landisch**

**Guest: Scott Jentsch**

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS
<p><b>Call to order &amp; Introductions</b></p>	<p>The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm. Meeting was held virtually on Zoom due to COVID-19. Officers, staff and parents were introduced.</p> <p>Tiffany Mercer introduced Scott Jentsch, candidate for school board who participated as an observer. Tiffany reiterated that Home &amp; School cannot endorse specific candidates for school board.</p>
<p><b>Principal/ Vice Principal's Update</b></p>	<p>Katy Williams and Jaime Veal gave an update on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Katy Williams acknowledged Kim Jaquez and Elaine Gearheart for their leadership and presence working in-school.</li> <li>• Students are preparing for State Forward testing. State testing was not held last year due to COVID. Staff are reviewing best practices in preparation. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade testing across the district will be held in the gym; social distancing, masks and plexiglass will be put in place. A letter to parents will be coming out at the end of the month.</li> <li>• Asynchronous learning day for staff to receive their 2<sup>nd</sup> vaccine was moved from April 2<sup>nd</sup> to the April 1<sup>st</sup>, which is the Thursday prior to spring break.</li> <li>• District pandemic team has approved in-person 6<sup>th</sup> grade completion ceremony at Eisenhower. Elmwood's event will be Thursday June 10<sup>th</sup>; Ronald Reagan will be held the day before. Poplar Creek and Orchard Lane will celebrate at New Berlin West. Students will be recognized individually with completion certificates.</li> <li>• Jaime Veal discussed the SEL leadership team. Teachers across grade levels came up with Citizen of the Month, which started in February. One student per classroom is chosen by a rubric with behaviors such as being a good friend, following directions, etc. Other students in the classroom have input. Winners get a certificate listing the reasons they were chosen and a prize.</li> <li>• Zones of regulation (Green, Blue, Yellow, Red) teach students to identify and verbalize their feelings. SEL leadership presented to staff on strategies to help student self-regulate and stay in the Green Zone.</li> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter is in full-swing. Jaime shared staff is working on next APawz celebration, which will include virtual games, like fun facts about staff. She thanked Home &amp; School for their sponsorship of the APawz program.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Review/Approve Minutes</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ashley McKanry motioned to approve the January 19, 2021 Home and School Meeting Minutes, seconded by Theresa Sebestyen. Approved by all.</li> </ul>

<b>Treasurer's Notes</b>	<p>Checking account balance is at \$52,686.72 (\$10,639.42 belongs to the chess club).  Available cash is \$40,291.52.</p> <p>Tiffany Mercer and Kim Jaquez presented current budget update for 2020-2021 school year on behalf of Andy Phillips.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income Section: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Panda Express Eat and Earn - \$104.36</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Fundraising Section: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Kwik Trip Cards - \$2,786.26</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Non-Income Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Elmwood teachers were given a classroom stipend of \$50 (50) = \$2,500</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Past Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kim Jaquez shared that the Kwik Trip Car Wash sale was a great success. This was the first year offering sales online through the Home &amp; School Weebly website in addition to forms going home. Typical year sales are around 80 up to 120-130 cards this year. Look to offer online sales again in the future.</li> <li>• Panda Express Eat and Earn on January 27<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>
<b>Upcoming/Canceled/Revamped Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No parents have volunteered to plan virtual events for 4th, 5th or 6th grade. Perhaps there is Zoom burn-out or the format is less appealing to older grades. This would continue to be an option if parents came forward.</li> <li>• Book Fair March 18<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>. Information will go out in Paw Prints Friday and home with students. Parents had requested if teachers could share their wishlists, so parents could purchase books for the classroom. Book Fair Chairs confirmed there is no way to do this through the online format, but parents can reach out directly to teachers for suggestions.</li> <li>• Kim Jaquez recognized Lisa Forseth, Earn and Earn Chair, for her efforts this year. Upcoming events are set up for Portillo's (March 25<sup>th</sup>), Noodles (April 21<sup>st</sup>) and BW3's (May).</li> <li>• Tiffany Mercer shared about Parent University event offered by the School District on March 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm, "Calm Parents, Calm Kids: Managing Your own Reactivity". Link to register went out in Paw Prints. Tiffany will inquire if the event will be recorded for parents to view at a later date.</li> <li>• Sara Johns, Meagan Sliga and Kelly Phillips will be chairing 6<sup>th</sup> grade completion this year. They are working on T-shirt orders and recruiting parent volunteers. They just found out today that the event can be held in-person at Eisenhower. Tiffany Mercer also volunteered for the committee.</li> <li>• Ashley McKanry shared the yearbook will be missing some traditional in-person event pages. Yearbook draft should be available next week for final edits. Ashley recognized Art Teacher, Leah Schrententhaler, for taking photos and designing the cover, Elaine Gearheart and Jaimie Freitag for working on big pages this year, and Kim Jaquez for taking photos at school. Several virtual families sent in pictures for candid photos. Sports Pics noted Yearbook orders are low so far. Parents were encouraged to help put the word out, such as sharing on classroom Facebook pages. Katy Williams will send special messenger to families with reminder to order yearbooks. Paper order forms will go home with students next week and will be due April 14<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Staff appreciation week this year is May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. Committee is chaired by Kim Jaquez and Kate McFarlane. Rachael Morris also talked with Nicole Cooke with some ideas that may be possible.</li> </ul>
<b>Open Floor</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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 &amp; School or if you know anyone with the interest or skills. Any help to outreach volunteers would be appreciated, especially as recruitment is harder</li> </ul>

	<p>without in-person interaction with families. Home &amp; School Executive Committee elections will be held the next Home &amp; School meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kim Jaquez will be reaching out to committee chairs in the next week to confirm any changes for the next year. In-person events for next year are uncertain, but there is hope by mid-year 2021-22.</li> <li>• Kim Jaquez and Tiffany Mercer expect the Home &amp; School directory to be available soon. The draft was sent out to several families to trial. Some substantial issues were recently discovered and will need to be addressed before the directory can be released to families. The priority is for sign-up to go as smoothly as possible to promote participation.</li> <li>• Theresa Sebestyen asked if any plans are being made for an alternative to High Interest Day for end of the school year celebration, other than the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter APawz incentive. She suggested some way to release the year, like letting balloons or paper lanterns go and is interested in helping. Restrictions are still in place, so grades can't mix. Katy and Jaime are open to suggestions and can make adjustments to the school schedule. Could Home &amp; School fund kits for projects? Lorrie Thomas has been coordinating with virtual learners and could help them pick up kits.</li> <li>• 6<sup>th</sup> grade implemented a STEAM day this year. Students stayed in their own classroom but did engage in different coding and engineering activities, such as creating crystals and building candy cane towers.</li> </ul>
<b>Adjourned</b>	Tiffany Mercer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Christine Taber seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.