

Davidson K-8 PTO Board Meeting: September 14, 2021

Location: Zoom

Meeting called to order at 6:04 PM.

Board Members Present: Carly Schiano, Rebecca Kryshtalowych, Shelley Suter Notte, Tara Hartman-Gud, Kendall Whitley, Andria Carnell, Lindsay McKinney, Shannon O'Geen, Andrea Oliver, Ellen Loncz, Kathy DeBree, Andy Puckett, Amy Lavey, Chuck Fortuna, Melissa Boyes, Alison Graves, Jennifer Von Bremen, Lauren Rasor

Approval of August Minutes

Andria C. motioned to approve the minutes of the August meeting, with Alison seconding. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Principal's Report

Chuck reported that current enrollment is 1100 students; CMS *projected* enrollment was 1001 students. An additional 3rd grade class was recently created. After the 20th day of school (at which time we may receive an updated staffing allotment from CMS), we may add another 1st grade class. There are Teacher Assistant vacancies for ELL and EC. Currently, there are 10 COVID cases (8 students and 2 staff members). Six additional students are under quarantine due to exposure. Chuck is going to work with Mr. Catchpole to get Fall sports schedules posted on the school website.

President's Report

Meeting with Davidson Parks and Rec

Carly reported that she met with the Town of Davidson Parks and Rec staff. Staff members were very supportive of DK8's needs and want to be a resource for our school. They are working on support for Walk to School Day on Oct. 6. Be thinking of ways the town can support the school and/or provide facilities for our use.

Teacher Wishlists

We did not get 100% participation from teachers. Amazon gift cards were listed for those teachers that did not submit items. The wishlists will be updated early next year.

School Leadership Team (SLT)

Carly gave an update from the last SLT meeting. Title IX training has begun school wide. Training materials are developmentally appropriate based on grade level. School dress code & policy enforcement was also discussed. SLT set a school goal to improve test scores.

Volunteer Engagement

Carly reported the details of her meeting with Amy regarding volunteer engagement. They are planning to dive into emails and collect the contact information of potential volunteers. They are also setting a date for a general, open PTO meeting (via Zoom) to introduce the Board and what we do. Plans are to record this meeting for those unable to attend live.

Group Texts

Carly asked everyone to keep text messages pertinent to the entire Board when using the group chat. Otherwise, please use email to communicate.

Treasurer's Report

Tara reported we have approximately \$36,000 in the bank, with \$17,826.83 in Tiger Fund donations. There have been no major expenses to date, other than IXL. Spiritwear income is at \$3216.

Issues and Events

Our Town Our Tigers

This is a month-long, community themed fundraising campaign for the Tiger Fund. See the information sheet for specific details. All monies raised THROUGHOUT the school year go to the Tiger Fund. A kickoff party is scheduled for 10/8 on the Town Green. There will be raffle prizes, food trucks & music. Please spread the word, save the date and volunteer for this event if you are available.

Fall Fest

Fall spirit week will culminate with the Fall Fest on 10/22. The Lower School will have a carnival with games and food trucks. The Upper School will celebrate with an outdoor movie. There will also be a trophy awarded to the House Spirit Week winner. The Athletic Boosters may organize a cornhole tournament for the evening.

TOTP

TOTP will kickoff for grades K-4 on 9/23 and all volunteer slots are full. Covid protocols will be in place. TOTP will take place during Connect classes this year, with 15 minutes added to Connect to accommodate this change.

Speaker Series

Alison plans to offer 4 parent information sessions this year, 2 for Lower School parents and 2 for Upper School parents. The first session (for Upper School parents) will be “Tips to Prepare Your Middle Schooler for High School” and will be held on 9/28 via Zoom. The next session for Lower School parents is scheduled for November.

Website

Ellen reported that the new website is live and ready to go. Please use Ellen’s google form to request any graphics or social media posts. This form allows Ellen to track those requests most efficiently. Let her know one month in advance (if possible) of any social media post needs.

Book Fair

Kathey reported the book fair is set for 9/27 - 10/1, operating from 7:30a-4:30pm daily and until 6pm on Wednesday. Parents must accompany students to shop before school. No family events this year due to Covid protocols.

Communications

Andy reported that the Tiger Tribune open rate is 70%; publishing on Sunday afternoons seems to be a good time. He plans to publish a notice to opt in to the Parent Directory this week.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.