

Vienna Elementary School PTA Meeting Agenda, Including Q&A with Principal Carmichael

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 6:15 p.m.

Attendees: Heather Kenney, Stefanie Petrucelli, Mitch Schwartz, Kim Bryant, Molly Peng, John Carmichael, Shelly Baumer, Eben Montaquila, Maureen Cohen, David Dargatis, Becky Elliot, Alyssa Lehman, Sharon Chen, Hoa Chen, Beth Dargatis, Tyler Blanchard, Terese Blanchard, Jennifer and Corey Rose, Erin Prentice, Mara Thayer, Peggy Morrison, Stacey Min, Danielle Manning, Kayleen Oblack, Sebastian and Kristien Szczesnowicz, Leslie Wood, Amanda Siddon, Helena Kim, Liz Bentzinger, Donna Davidovich, Kelly Beam, Nina Brown, Krystal Salazar, Valerie Howell, Kimberly Steimel, Amber Miller, Beatriz Vergara-Diez, Allison Torrillo French, Sam and Leah Moser, Sha Brennan, Trish Helsley, Melissa Scheeren, Gul Gharbieh, Steven Evan, Tahn Ross, Stephanie Farina, Renea Rowan, Holly Seibold, Vince Cheng, Katie Charnoff,, Melanie Geesaman, Shannon Cilman, Kristen Rhoads, Pamela Forman, Marinn McClure, Rehana Parsons, John McVey, Molly Paolicelli, Angela Sorrell, Rebecca Johnson Zara, Christine Krieger, Christina Garcia Ulen, Lisa Ames

I. The meeting was called to order at 6:14pm.

II. Principal's Report and Q&A — VES Principal John Carmichael

- Please start talking to your children about return to school and what it will look like
- Changes will be in place to make school safe, healthy, and welcoming
- Alphabetical split A – L on Tues/Weds, M – Z on Thurs/Fri
- Ms. Sheehan will be the only full virtual class (second grade)
- All students eating at same time because all eating in their classrooms
- For kiss & ride, working on a car numbering system to identify parents of students
- Mr. Montaquila presented an overview presentation of Return to School policies. It can be accessed on the VES web site and will be posted on the PTA's web site and social media accounts as well.

Additional Q&A:

Q: If a student isn't feeling well, are they still welcome to login from home?

A: Yes, please contact the school with what the symptoms are, but go ahead with virtual learning if they're up for it.

Q: Will we get a school supply list for what needs to be brought daily?

A: Computer is the biggest need, no hard lunch boxes (containers should be able to be thrown away), county is providing the free meals. Will have breakfast and lunch for all students. Teacher will let you know of additional supplies needed.

Q: How will all virtual students be incorporated into new set-up?

A: They're already part of the class, will continue to build and work on relationships.

Q: How will school operate if inclement weather?

A: FCPS will determine that. Precedent thus far has been virtual learning if inclement weather.

Q: What is the future of SACC?

A: Not taking place for the remainder of this school year. Waiting to hear from county regarding next year.

Q: Will the classroom monitor for Mrs. Ochs's class be introduced virtually before return?

Yes, he was introduced online today (Mr. Conroy).

III. Co-Presidents' Report — Stefanie Petrucelli and Heather Kenney

- FCPS is currently updating its guidelines for PTAs again. If and when conditions allow, we'd very much like to schedule safe outdoor events but we don't know if that will be possible and we'll have to continue playing it by ear and hope for the best
- Planning a scavenger hunt for all students for the spring that will be a combination of virtual and outdoor clues but won't involve people congregating in any one place
- Also looking into switching family bingo night to be virtual instead of in the gym
- If you have ideas or suggestions, please send them to us and as always, we'll keep you posted on developments

IV. Treasurer's Report — PTA Treasurer Kim Bryant

- Checking amount: \$17,129.14
- Savings amount: \$26,412.86
- Total Assets: 43,542

V. Closing comments

- Wednesday, March 3 is the next PTA meeting (6:30 – 8:00pm). It will include an update from Mr. Carmichael and then a discussion on Race and Racism with Marietta Collins, PhD and Ann Hazzard, PhD, co-authors of the book Something Happened in Our Town
- If questions weren't addressed during today's meeting, then Heather Kenney will follow up with Shelly Baumer to have them answered
- Minutes were approved as presented
- Call for new members to volunteer for PTA Board for 2021 – 2022 school year (the current Board will be entirely sunset due to term limitations)

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.