

Conrad Fischer PTA Minutes

May 18, 2021 7PM Virtual Zoom Meeting

Attendees

18 attendees attended via Zoom

Agenda

After the Pledge of Allegiance was said at 7:06PM, the meeting began. Carrie Lombardi from the Churchville Middle School PTA was introduced and she welcomed all incoming 6th grade parents to future Churchville meetings. D#205 Board Member Karen Steufen was in attendance as well and introduced.

Minutes from the 4-20-21 PTA meeting have been posted and were shared at today's meeting. These minutes were approved by Dulce and a second was made by Alma.

PRESIDENTS' UPDATE:

Significant news from the PTA Council- a DPAC Chair will now be represented at the PTA Council meetings starting next school year.

TREASURER'S UPDATE:

Current Balance is \$13,744.28. Please submit any receipts by mid/late next week for the current school year to Maritza.

AUDIT COMMITTEE:

Gwen and Karen explained the purpose of having an annual audit committee and thanks to Gwen and Lisa J for offering to be part of this committee.

BOOK FAIR UPDATE: This latest book fair held outside was a success with \$5977.00 made! Extra books were added and all went smoothly with good attendance.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK:

Dulce thanked the Fischer families who were very generous with their donations toward the staff again this year. Staff were treated to a catered breakfast, a pizza lunch, snacks, a raffle and 68 \$20 Panera Gift Cards were purchased.

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY KIT:

Joey added that 26 orders have been placed thus far raising \$52 dollars. Orders are due on July 1st.

5th GRADE CELEBRATIONS: Lisa will meet with some teachers on Friday to further plan and volunteers can contact Lisa. Thus far, t-shirts and a sweet treat are planned for each 5th grader.

FIELD DAY OF FUN: More volunteers are needed for this event. The younger grades will meet for 2 hours in the morning and the older will have 2 hours of fun in the afternoon.

DPAC UPDATES: An event will be held on May 29th from noon-2pm for ALL Fischer students. In addition, DPAC playdates will be scheduled for 1X per month

FISCHER MASCOT!!

The new Fischer mascot has been voted on and will be revealed next Monday with two school banners!

NOMINATIONS: Thanks to the following for accepting the remaining open positions for the 2021-22 School Year:

Lisa Janco- VP School Support

Courtney Lynn Barcus - VP Academic Enrichment

Vanessa Paoli - Winter Parties

Renee Gagliardi and Jenn Kovacs - Fundraising

At this point, all PtA positions are filled. A vote was taken to approve the 21-22 PTA Board which has been posted and shared.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Mrs. Villa started her report by stating that it has been an honor to work with parents this year and the generosity shown was appreciated. She added that the Spring Book Fair was "incredible".

Mrs. Villa also spoke of monthly events including a Late Arrival; testing; Summer School Programs; Erin's Law Presentation in Spanish and English; representatives from Robert Crown speaking to the 5th graders via Zoom as well as a visit to Churchville Middle School. The Kinder Orientation will take place virtually next Tuesday from 6-7 pm. Each grade level will have a picnic next week to celebrate the end of the school year. On May 27th, all devices with chargers need to be returned. Also, Mrs. Vargas and Mrs. Villa will be taking some parents to the Elmhurst Food Pantry next Saturday between 10am-2pm by bus to introduce them to the community resource.

Mrs. Villa discussed a new Title 1 Jump Start Program which will start in August before school starts. There will be 14-16 students selected for each class and transportation will be provided. For two weeks from 8:30-11:30AM, identified students who have had a difficult time engaging in school this year will be reviewing and learning math and reading strategies to help ready their academic skills and focus for the 21-22 school year. This program will invite students from the current Kindergarten-4th grade classes.

FINAL WORD:

Board Member Karen Steufen talked of how board members heard community feedback re: Fischer remaining a neighborhood school and how all voices are important to be heard. The District is looking at space within the Fischer building and realize that next year will be tight with

2-3 classrooms being built the following year. A few questions were asked and answered re: the Dual Language Program at Fischer and the Administration involved at the district level.

The meeting concluded at 8:48PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer DeBosschere, Fischer PTA Secretary