

**Welcome (15 min)**

Maria Chiovaro	Sherri Oliver	Jessi Nunes	Matt Fisher
Cindy DeMeyer	Thomas Hoffman	Jolene May	Laura Reinders
Steve Reinders	Carrie Shaw	Sara Cockrum	Lucy Miller
Olga Barnes	Donnie Popejoy	Allie Wright	Timm Pilcher
Tess Davis	Jeni Weldon Van Wyk	Dawn Knutson	Mariann Nielsen
Courtney Silver	Kelsey Wood	Shawna Fritz	Amanda Harris
Jocelyn Kyle	Erin	Keisso's	

**Financial Updates**

- Plan is to have a budget to review and approve at the October meeting; we know needs will be different this year
- Since hand-off in August, minimal expenses and deposits:
  - \$90.71 for staff welcome bags
  - \$100 for annual surety bond
  - \$377.14 deposit for merchandise and donations
- Checking balance \$4123.81
- Savings balance - \$1505.11
- Mariann Nielsen would like a copy of the meeting minutes and financials from the 2020 meetings prior to Covid; board will follow-up with her directly

**Committee Reports**

We are looking for volunteers for the following committees:

1. 8<sup>th</sup> grade events – dance and Adventureland
2. Teacher Appreciation
3. Fundraising – possible activities include:
  - Clubs Choice (online only if we pursue this year)
  - Kindness Drive (collect donations, students pay it forward with an act of kindness)
  - Brody Nights Out (South Side restaurants give portion of proceeds)
  - Merchandise
  - Bike-a-thon, or similar exercise-centered activity where students ask for pledges
4. School Spirit –
  - first PTO-sponsored activity will be a teacher caricature contest – winning entry gets a free pizza from Baratta's
  - first school-sponsored activity will be Spirit Week in October – Mr. Hoffman requested ideas from teachers and students earlier this week
  - Other ideas that have been mentioned:
    - trivia night (free or as fundraiser)

- spirit days (also would promote merchandise)
- Kindness Drive we could also promote posting the students' random acts of kindness

## **Q&A Mr. Hoffman**

- Updates on October Learning Models. Minor variation from original selections so far.

### **Virtual**

- Very little difference from what kids are doing today
- If a child originally selected hybrid and switches to virtual, they may have a teacher change as they did their best to originally group students and teachers by learning model preference.

### **Hybrid**

- 15ish students in classrooms
- classroom all day (+ breaks, outside or gym socially distanced)
- masks required
- on work at home days, students will have some opportunity to connect with teachers, but not to degree they are today with 100% virtual
- If child originally selected Hybrid and continues with Hybrid, lower chance of teacher change.
- What about hybrid 6<sup>th</sup> graders who have never been in the school before?
  - Because of additional COVID restrictions, cannot have a group event in the school before the first day of face-to-face on October 26.
  - Will share map or floorplan with 6<sup>th</sup> grade families. Also may be able to share IB Site visit video of the building with parents (cannot post due to safety restrictions).
  - Doors open at 8 AM; classes start at 8:30.
  - Additional staff will be at the entrance to ensure appropriate social distancing, directions to the cafeteria for breakfast, and direction to classrooms.
  - There will be five 6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms – all in the west wing on the first floor
- NEW TO THINK ABOUT. Headphones will be needed for hybrid students because of the differentiated learning that may be occurring in the classroom. The expense may be an issue for some. Not an official request of the PTO to assist with the expense – just something to keep on the radar.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 27, 6 PM**