

Mariners Elementary School Foundation
Board Meeting Minutes
August 31, 2020

Scheduled Times	Actual Times	Location
6:30pm to 7:30pm	6:27pm to 7:33pm	Mariners Park

Attendees

Officers

Chairman... Jennifer Messenger

Vice President... Erica Williams

President... Heidi Perrault

Treasurer... Pamela Williamson

Secretary... Whitney Baderian

Board Members and Committee Chairs

Ryan and Whitney Baderian

Billy and Jennifer Messenger

Koren Johnston-Barrett

Lacey Miller

Matt and Andi Bokosky

Craig and Heidi Perrault

Tanya Smith-Chappell

Matt and Erica Williams

Taylor and Alli Cotton

Brian and Pamela Williamson

Jeff and Melissa Freese

Kristin Guy

Chris and Heather Lewis

Sean and Natalie Matsler

Principal, Liaisons, Guests

Principal... Matt Broesmale

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Jen Messenger - Inspirational Quote

-Things turn out best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out.

John Wooden

-If plan A doesn't work the alphabet has 25 more letters (204 if you're in Japan) Claire Cook

-Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning how to dance in the rain. Vivian Greene

-If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself.

Henry Ford

Presidents Report- Heidi Perrault

-Challenges (Late start to Fundraising)

-This meeting is about all of us getting to take initiative for creating a year that will be a B, C, D, F and we'll make it as great as we can.

-Largely some of the choices that we've made have been to A)pivot away from funding 12-13 aides to funding 3 aides (certified). We did get to fund with the PTA Lexia, AR and Freckle.

- In regards to the budget we have \$3,000 to play with.

- I have reached out to other foundation presidents in the community.

- We have collaborated with and supported one another in regards to sharing what we are going through and plans for the future.

- Have ideas of trying to pool our money to support programs that would work with all of our schools.

- Help schools that don't have foundations.

- Possible idea is to pay for one license across the district. Also, talking about doing a big drive-in fundraiser.

- Possible ideas such as collaborating with the fairgrounds. With a priority on safety.

Treasure Report - Pamela Williamson

-Budget Review

-Pie Charts will be updated on the website

- Brian will be the go to for numbers, Pamela will communicate numbers and volunteer
- We are donating the kinder bags and snack bags
- Graph (brought to meeting) is a snapshot of how we ended and what we'll have next year.

Principal's Report - Mr. B

- Important to call aides HOURLY SUPPORT TEACHERS
- The current state is focusing on Distance Learning
- Entire focus to make sure we can do the best we can in this situation
- There are lingering decisions from state level that we can't do a lot about
- Instructional aides had a distance learning orientation this morning (5 funded by PTA)
- Aides will offer Intervention and enrichment
- Aides will start zooming and assessing
- Back to School Night is happening
- Most likely going to schedule Zoom 'coffee with the principal'
- Hoping this Friday (especially great for kinder families)
- Current Aides: went from 8 down to 5. Missy Reese resigned. The other 2 will be with us for at least 60 days or until they find a place
- How many students are enrolled? 489 - 23 classrooms (last year 642, 1st year as principal 750 - 29 classrooms)
- Class lists were late this year because a teacher moved from 5th to 2nd the Wednesday before school started
- The librarian processed 4,000 books and organized materials ready for handout the Friday before school! Incredible job!!!

PTA - Dawn Piantanida

- Meetings are usually 4th wednesday of the month at 8:45Am
- In the process of figuring out what would be best. Will keep everyone posted.
- Did want to touch base and give background on the decision to fund the aides.
 - District decided to use the aides this fall. I believe if there is a year when we need more individualized attention, this is the year. Using the aides during break out rooms is very helpful especially with the younger students. In addition, we aren't able to hire aides mid year. If we go back, we wanted to make sure we gave the kids the best chance possible with support. The other consideration was the parent volunteers. There will be no parent volunteers. Aides may not be as efficient with distance learning but we wanted to give the kids the best possible support with the current circumstances. If the aides were not going to be utilized it would've been a different decision.
- PTA meeting will be switched to 9:00am

-Foundation hopes to kick back into gear with the original mission for fundraising which is funding aides. In the future there is the hope of joining the PTA and Foundation

Pledge Drive - Heidi Perrault

-Currently in dire circumstances, we don't have a pledge drive chair. I will be doing that myself (Heidi)

-Pledge Drive will be very simplified

-We know the community has been affected financially, being sensitive to the temperature around us

-Need to collaborate on language, layout. How we fund and impact the kids. Also do an online presence

-Tanya offered support

-Also need support with keeping track of numbers when money comes in and sending out thank yous

-Kristin Guy to help with copy. Pledge drive is starting late. last year \$46,000.

Golf Tournament

-In November - Back on!

-Modified

-Scheduled for November 12th, thursday

-3 months ago we had lunch and a banquet, now it will be golf, TK Burger truck and online auction

-Need help with additional fundraising through individual classrooms and finding foursomes

-Possibly have a volunteer for upper and lower grades

-Will reach out to those who signed up last year

-It's a good opportunity to encourage people to something that is outdoors and safe. We hope it can springboard into an annual event.

-Use back to school night and see if there is anyone that would be great to get involved. Once we figure out room parents, that will be a great resource. Still trying to workout room moms

Spring Fling - Whitney Baderian

- May 1 or 15
- Org chart is being flushed out. Filling spots with volunteers
- Chairs are being given freedom to create their teams
- Keep in mind those who would be great for the future. Be mindful of mentoring and 'passing the torch' making it easier and more fluid year to year

Spiritwear - Heidi Perrault

- We'd like to run the 'Be Kind' t-shirts again.
- I'd like to propose that we use extra \$3,000 in the budget and spend \$5,000 to get the entire school the shirts.
- 'Mariners Strong' (something more community). We'll put it out there and have a formal vote.

Letter Template - Heidi Perrault

- A letter was sent to the board to encourage parents to reach out to the school board about preparing for and returning to school.
- Families can play off the letter to send to the district.
- Whitney to forward updated letter to the board and Mr. B

Buy in Parties

- Talk of doing buy in parties the Friday after thanksgiving.
- Have to be very conscientious of how they are thrown. Fun, Safe Fundraising

Adjourn at 7:33pm