

**Waverly PTA Meeting - 1/18/21**

**Attendance:**

**Dr. Rachel Edoho-Eket  
Allie Brannan  
Brian Wasserman  
Cheryl Santoni  
Deepshikha Antes  
Denis D'Arbela  
Denis Guma  
Drew Van Horn  
Heather DePriest  
Elly Huntimer  
Elizabeth S  
Isaias Sucre  
Kimaya Varde  
Kristin Jarrell  
Magdoline Abadir  
Mali Qin  
Mallory Smith  
Melissa H.  
Mercy Debele  
Michelle Laird  
Mrudrula DSarala B  
Priya Abraham  
Donna Trang  
Sharifa Samuels  
Tina LeBaron**

7:00- **Welcome/Overview of Meeting** (Kristin)

Welcome. We have many new faces! Welcome!

7:05- 7:30- **Summary from Executive Board**

1. **Principal/Admin Update** (Dr. Edoho-Eket, Mrs. Santoni, Mrs. Haddaway)

Dr. Edoho-Eket

Welcome, meeting changed so Kindergarten could join

- Covid
- Notice goes out at 4:30 every day
- We've had cohort breakouts, when 3 or more break out
- If a child is waiting for test results, please stay home. They will be able to make up work
- Teachers have access to hand sanitizer
- Please
- Masks have been given out for some students, N95. Staff have gotten them as well. The rest of the students will get them soon
- Community is informed as needed

Mrs. Santoni

End of second quarter is coming up.

Report cards will have related art scores

Conferences are coming for February 10 and 11.

We're very excited to stay in the building

Dr. Edoho-Eket

They are a new leadership team and have never completed a full year in the building, so hoping to stay in the building and have a great year.

## 2. **PTACHC Updates** (Deepshikha)

Last update Carry Organization talked to us and represented the LBGTQAI. It's set up by one person and talked about supporting everyone. A media specialist from Hammond supports the Rainbow Community. If you have any questions for our representatives and want more share out please contact

The other big thing was a big change to 6010, which is the redistricting policy where it was written and targeted utilization for schools was at 110 capacity. Changed between 90% and 100% utilization, which is a big win for our community.

We voted for it to go both to National PTA and Frestate PTA.

Chat Notes:

<https://www.cary-hoco.org/> - CARY members are allies of LGBTQ+ youth in the Howard County area, including family, friends, and anyone else looking to support them

Rainbow Reps at our Schools: <https://www.hcpss.org/supports/lgbtqia-youth/rainbow-reps/>

## 3. **Budget Overview** (Donna) - Overview of Current Budget, Tax Update, IA Update

Been pretty quiet as we aren't spending money.

Savings account has 20,000, checking has 41,000 and paypal has 4,000.

This month we paid out 1,400 and we have 11,000 coming primarily from Popcorn

We really need someone to take over treasurer for next year, Donna can't do it. It takes about 2 hours a week and she'll help.

Kristin:

Double Good Popcorn sales were very successful. We took 10,734 and sold out over 20,000. Money helps support school activities and events.

Chat notes:

Sharifa Samuels 7:15 PM

I'm happy to help out if you can't find anyone. I should have more capacity next year

#### 4. **Membership Update** (Kristin)

We currently have 190 members and that's pretty low for us.

We'll do a push this fall and will send a paper home. We are usually environmentally friendly but want to figure that out.

#### 5. **Current/Upcoming Activities** (Kristin)

Backpack buddies - Last Day for grade 4 and 5 is tomorrow.

February 7-16 for second and third grade

March 7 to 16 is First grade and kindergarten.

Take note of early dismissal and school closings. One is tomorrow for a half day and one is a half day until January 24.

Report Cards will go active after 5 pm.

Next Spirit Day is January 28 - Sports or Jersey Day

December Gingerbread House, 84 Entries and over 2000 families participated. Three winners did get their trophies.

Teresa Pickett

Looking for a day in March, National Day of Unplugging. Her daughter did Screen Free week and it was a positive family day. Mentioned how to have kids get involved to come up with activities. Emailed Ms. Allison from Kids Counsel.

Question: Is it an after school activity or for teachers as well?

Answer: Teachers can do it, but it's focused more for after school. When her daughter participated they had a dance at the end of the week to participate.

Ms. Van Horn explained they used to do it a lot and there was information at the school. One of the vice president for screen free room was a big push and there may be information in the school somewhere.

## **6. Fundraising Summary Update- (Kristin)**

Book Fair will be held, but has been pushed back, Still designing what it will look like, if it's in person or online.

## **7:30-7:50- Committee Updates/Sharing**

Heather DePriest:

Starting the planning process in the next week or so. Teacher appreciation week is in May. Activities for families to get involved. The goal is to make it a really special week for everyone.

Scarlet Goon also helps with green school and has marker collection at school. We also are collecting glue sticks

Please continue to use Amazon Smile and Harris Teeter VIP.

Updates for Restaurant Night. Looking to do Scittintos in January and the place that was Smashburger in February and others such as food truck. Chipotle is usually a big one too

Nothing is happening for Valentines Day. In years past we've done cookies and a bottle of water, so that will not happen.

Dr. Edoho-Eket

We are trimming to limit too many activities in January and February. Due to many schedule changes

Question: Can small businesses reach out. Lee's nails asked.

Question: Is anything happening for school wide for Black History Month.

There are some materials in the curriculum, but there won't be a school wide event. We're doing it in reading and social studies. It isn't always just in February though.

Suggestion: I'm not sure how packed the morning announcements are ... for black history month maybe celebrating one person from history each day with one fact daily or weekly would be a neat way to honor black history.

#### 1. Update to Open Positions on Committees (Kristin)

We need more parents for 5th grade committee. We have two volunteers so far and need more. Need t-shirts and car parade. Both Middle Schools have had meetings and more information will be coming in the email about course selections and other things.

**Must** have a president, a treasurer, and a secretary. We must have them if we want to have one. If we don't have them we don't have a PTA

We always need new fifth grade chairs. Need book fair as well.

Dr. Edoho-Eket. We only run as well as the parents help.

There's a tab.

7:50-8:00- **Questions**

**What are the rules for vaccination.**

Partial vaccination - 1-2 shots, but it hasn't been two weeks. They'll ask and if the child not fully vaccinated then they must stay out.

If it's a cohort vaccination they must stay out for 5 days if they aren't vaccination

Any child who is vaccinated (2 shots, past two weeks) is able to stay, but watch for symptoms

Any child who shows symptoms is out. Daycare or unvaccinated (under 5), they must stay out for 10 days.

If a child is vaccinated they don't have to quarantine. If you're on the fence consider that.

**Question:**

Question: How many substitutes are you using?

We have a lot and the sub shortage is real. Administrators have been subbing. We can have 10 people out at any day. Now that the quarantine has shortened it has helped. Quarantining 14 days was difficult and 5 is making it easier. Is has been a change though.

Question: Why don't we put on if it's a staff or student, but then it's on the dashboard.

Dr. Edoho-Eket asked that and didn't get a clear answer. She was concerned about privacy.

Everyone monitor your child's symptoms every day. If a teacher tested positive does that mean the entire class was dismissed from the day. If my daughter's teacher was to test positive, would the whole class would quarantine.

If the teacher is quarantining and there was contact a school would be closed.

Teachers are trying to make everyone safe and keeping their distance.

Question: Is it case by case for exposure?

No, it is not case by case. Healthy children should be in school. Second, you are to send an extended absence from WavesAbsence to get 3 discretionary days. Beyond that the only absences that are excused is if they are sick. Any children who are unexcused they handle those in the front office, but there are no issues with excused absences.

**8:00- Conclusion**