

School of Technology and Arts I
Steering Committee Agenda
August 18th, 2020

Officers:

President: Doris Faucheux
Secretary: Amanda Jackson
Treasurer: Kerrie Moore
Principal: Ben Burns
Fundraising: Erika Cedergren
Teachers: Maria Henry and Mike Lawrence
Yearbook: Ashley Patros-Kader and Leah Lachman
District Wide Parent Rep: Dawn Wacek
Volunteer Coordinator:
Community Building: Dawn Wacek and Fran Wangu
Technology: Renee Stowell

- A)** Approve July Minutes- Motion by Dawn, Seconded by Amanda.
- B)** Roll-Call –Everyone introduced themselves.
- C)** Roles that NEED to be filled
 1. Secretary- Amanda
 2. Community Building Role- Dawn and Fran
- D)** Budget-Approved, Motion by Amanda, Seconded by Leah.
 1. Fundraising mostly zeroed out, kept donation based fundraising and classroom budgets. There is cash in the checkbook and carryover from past years which will help with this year. Fiscal year is from 9/1 to 8/31.
- E)** Fundraising
 1. Back-to-School Kickoff: Looking at possible small fundraiser with Doris' equal exchange items.
 2. Schedule: Want to send out a list of the year's fundraiser early in the year so that the message is early and consistent.
 3. Scrip: Need a point person for Scrip, system is in place would just need to train someone new who can promote monthly. Jenna Sampson volunteered to help.
 4. Equal Exchange: Looking at doing in January for a February delivery.
 5. Parent's Night Out: Early in the school year, possible outdoor event at Distillery with both a take-out option and patio option for those comfortable. Adult event to replace Java Vino event.
 6. All Glazed Up: Looking at doing this again in November.
- F)** Back-to-School Video Feedback: Video is good, will take a picture at the end of the meeting to add to the end. Email the video to families and post to social media. Want to really encourage new families to join facebook group and stay connected.
- G)** Teacher Update: Lots of professional development going on as teacher's learn new platforms. Looking at doing the soft start for both CRVA/Blended.
- H)** Principal Update: (Highlights)
 1. SOTA is still one family and one school regardless of whether families are CRVA all year, Blended all year or maybe both. Mr. Burns (and his emails) isn't going away and we want to engage all our families throughout the year no matter the platform.
 2. Four Classes of students in Blended: K/1 Miss Anna, 1/2 Mr. Duddeck, 3/4 Mrs. Fuller and 5th Mr. Mike.
 3. Three Classes of students in CRVA: K/1 Miss Karen, 2/3 Mrs. Henry, 4/5 Mrs. Amman

4. 4K Students were invited to attend 4K at Hamilton and will be enrolled at SOTA I to ensure they have first opportunity at SOTA if they want it.
5. 10% of SOTA students opted for homeschool, private school or left the district (moved).
6. CRVA will have some flexibility with modules, also were given the greenlight to proceed with Orchestra and Drama.
7. Mr. Burns is looking at opportunities to bring everyone together virtually from family nights, school assemblies, virtual open mic and community room.
8. School District working with BGC and YMCA partnership to assist those families in need of childcare in September. Details are still being worked on with district.
9. Construction: Plans are moving along. Potential approval and groundbreaking in October. Review of blueprints. Highlights include larger gymnasium, community room, maker space, as Hamilton becomes a community school there will be a counseling room and exam room. Potential for use of new gymnasium for indoor recesses.
10. New Family Information: Doris will work on a form for the teachers to use to collect email addresses and information from new families to help stay connected with them.
11. There will be some norms for virtual learning, such as wearing clothes, not eating, not swearing, using the bathroom before/after virtual learning.