

School of Technology and Arts I
Steering Committee Minutes
April 6th, 2021

Officers:

President: Doris Faucheux

Vice President: Vacant

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

1. Approve March Minutes- Motion by Amanda 2nd by Dawn, motion passes unanimously
2. Community Building:
 - a. Walking Wednesday – Starts 4/7 at Powell Park at 7:35 leaving at 7:45, masks required.
 - b. Bike Rodeo - Scheduled for May 20th from 5-8 pm. For capacity purposes, vendors/helpers etc. do count, which means that we can have ~42 people. Ben running through district, also question whether CRVA/Hamilton kids can come.
 - i. Suggestions for the best way to have families sign up - Possible options for sign up genius, google forms etc.
 - ii. Ideas for safety track: Coulee Region Bike Coalition used to help with this. The person that normally does this isn't responding. Use cones and arrows to direct bikers, help slow down. School has lots of cones. Potential street privilege permit. Possibility for Red Cloud park with circular pathway. Possibility to rent the bike park (Lueth park). Doris will look into Lueth park and if not, then keep it at Poage.
3. Diversity: Open house for charter school options at places with more diversity, library, Hmong Cultural Center etc. No definitive plan by the School District. District is open to it, under the premise that we are promoting all choice/charter options not just SOTA 1. May not have enough time to do yet this year.
4. Getting others involved: Polytechnic sent out a survey for feedback in parent group, what they would like to see from the Group Meetings/SOTA Parent Page.
5. Fundraising
 - a. Monday April 12th - Noodles and Co. fundraiser, they are open for dine in or carry out. Need to use the code GIVING 25 when checking out. That gives SOTA 25% of proceeds. Please share/get the word out!
 - b. Scrip: One last push May 17-21st
 - c. Flower Sale: Probably not for this year due to needing to be on top of things this year. T-Shirt sale possibly through Games People Play, Bonfire or somewhere. Games People Play will set up an online store. Potential to offer yearly with teacher sale. Might have more people order if something new. Possible earth day featured

shirt. Ashley will reach out to Beth to see about the art side of it and then look at the bonfire option.

6. Budget: Hasn't really changed except that some teachers have utilized their money. Still in the positive.
7. Teacher Report: Mrs. Fuller is retiring at the end of the school year and plans on subbing. Maria will be out on maternity leave in the fall and Mrs. Fuller has offered to sub for her. Informance will be recorded and sent out to parents, no longer in a park due to logistics issues. Artist in Residence-anime artist was going to come last fall, now going to do something over Zoom in early May.
8. Principal Report: Construction is coming along, walls and roof. Mrs. Henry teaching 2/3 grade, opening depends on a few things. District wide staffing reductions were made, waiting to find out how this will work out, a lot of scenarios. Enrollment is looking good, last check 9 pre-k and 18-19 kindergarten. Window to sign up for CRVA goes to end of the month, will then ask for staff based on teaching need. Doesn't anticipate that CRVA will impact SOTA staffing. Next year: 4/K, 4/K, 1, 2/3, 2/3, 4/5 and 4/5 with some interaction between K and 1 in the afternoon.