

Carlos Gilbert PTK

Meeting Minutes March 11, 2021 4:00 pm

Attendees: Kathy Primm, Sarah LeBlanc, Michaelann Perea, Alison Walcott, Sara April, Jana Amacher, Kim Pietrocci, Rebecca McDonald, Erica Gomez, and Kate McCarthy

1. District News

- The District along with the New Mexico Public Education Department will send out new guidance to parents and families regarding the transition for in person education. NMPED changed the guidelines phasing out hybrid learning. Students will either be in a virtual model or in person on campus. Covid safe practices will remain in place including but not limited to masks, handwashing, social distancing, and air quality enhancements.

Parents will be surveyed soon to determine who and how many students will return for in person education for five days per week versus remote learning beginning April 6. More definitive information is anticipated after Spring Break. The Board of Education meeting is set for this evening beginning at 4:30 pm.

2. School News

- Ms. Pietrocci briefly reviewed the information from the District with the PTK. There are more questions at this point. A new master schedule is underway with Kate McCarthy's support. The new schedule at this time will have Wednesday be the early release day with pick up at 12:30 pm. Arrival and dismissal times will remain the same for the other days of the week (7:50 am to 2:50 pm).

She expressed her appreciation for the District Nurse and CGE's nurse and assistant nurse in tackling concerns regarding social distancing and sorting through the guidance from both the federal and state levels. Teachers will teach simultaneous with students in person and online. Ms. Pietrocci and her team did not feel it was appropriate to switch students to new teachers this far in the school year. She went on to explain the gym and outdoor settings will be used as much as possible to give more space to the students. At this time, the results of the recent parent survey are estimated to be 70% for in person and 30% for online.

Ms. Pietrocci also mentioned that the Department of Health is contacting staff directly to ensure everyone who wishes to be vaccinated has that opportunity. There is a chance the staff could be fully vaccinated by April 6th if they start with their first shot in the coming week.

Kathy noted that plans are in place in the unfortunate event there is a positive case within the school and the new 22 page document released from the District provides more detail for those interested.

3. Yearbook

- Bernadette is creating pages now. March 12 is the deadline for the 6th grade avatars/bitmojis. Everyone is encouraged to order their yearbook using the weblink provided in

the eblasts. It's not too late to order. At this time there has not been a set deadline for final orders.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Minutes from the March 4, 2021 meeting were provided to the PTK Board for their review and approval. After minimal discussion, the PTK approved the minutes. A final set of the meeting minutes will be available on the website, posted in the CGE blog post, and linked into the e-blast back to the PTK website.

5. Funding Requests

- A funding request from Ms. Biree has been submitted for books and a variety of things. It is currently being reviewed and will be presented to the PTK after spring break.

6. Supporting Students

- The PTK spirit video is being shared throughout the school. The PTK has received positive feedback from teachers and parents alike. Going forward with spirit activities, the opportunities to do more may expand resulting from the end of the current hybrid education model. The PTK may consider an end of year drive-by event for each grade.

7. Supporting Staff

- Stipends will be out by the end of this week. The eblast will include a district link for parents to volunteer at school. However, it is unclear if all parents who volunteer need to be vaccinated and if they would be permitted into the class at this time. More information may be provided by the District in the coming days. The staff highlights will include the third-grade teachers in the next eblast.
- The PTK wants to understand what other barriers may exist that may prevent educators and staff from feeling safe and comfortable with returning to in-person learning. The question came up if an anonymous survey would help in identifying such barriers. Are there any supplies or equipment, beyond what the district is required to install, that could be secured by the PTK? Ms. Pietrocci mentioned waiting on a survey as the teachers have so much on their plate at this time, and additional information and guidance is still coming from the District. She did suggest that in any way possible, what comes to her mind, is to spoil the teachers. This year has been so challenging, and it is not yet done. Rebecca asked if providing paper towels in the bathrooms would be helpful and quieter than the loud air dryers. The PTK will continue this brainstorming discussion in the next few meetings.

8. Enrichment Programs

- Sara April mentioned the 6th grade microbots have been ordered. Distribution details will be sent out soon to the parents. Both Kate and Jana expressed some concern about getting ahold of the Audubon educator as both 1st and 2nd grade classes are looking to schedule the virtual field trips. Michaelann will reach out to Bs. Blaser for the Meow Wolf projects. Larger projects will be displayed in the school's lounge window.

The next PTK will be next Thursday, March 25, 2021, at 4 pm. The Zoom login information is consistent (810 0499 1466 CGERocks). The code is available to all within the CGE community via e-blasts and the website. Everyone is welcome to participate.