

Copley-Fairlawn, PTA Council Meeting – March 2, 2022 via Zoom Conference Call

President Susan Strandberg: Called the meeting to order at 9:33am; pass around folder
Blood drive went well and we have 105% participation at this blood drive. 47 donors registered and 40 units collected.
Red Cross offers a \$250 scholarship for seniors.

Secretary Rachael Weigand: Minutes will be filed as written. Please send any volunteer hours to me for PTA service hours, fundraising hours or legislative/advocacy hours.

Treasurer Candice Komlanc: See attached report

1st Vice President Arin Sloan: Feb 22, Dine to Donate at Montrose Dairy Queen we will receive 20% of all sales for that evening. Installation Committee Tues, March 8 to meet – Installation will take place May 18 at 9:30

Guest Speaker – Nicole Parker, Coordinator of Instructional Technology:

Nicole assists our staff members with technology to help enhance their teaching and classroom experiences. Using technology in ways that is meaningful with students. She learns about their goals to better assist educators and all staff members.

2 Initiatives:

1. Best of Blue and Gold – send email small task every Tuesday to all staff to help learn. Impactful, but not overwhelming. Offer incentives for local gift card and milestone awards. Award to the building with top participation with a breakfast. 2,300 Tech Tuesday submissions to date
2. Extreme Makeover Tech Edition – Team captains (building leaders) and crew members (lesson makeover process five steps)
 - identify a challenge, investigative solutions, select a strategy, implement a strategy, reflect

Superintendent – Brian Poe:

Mr. Williams is 1 of 8 for the Cuyahoga Falls superintendent position. We wish him well on the interviewing process for the position.

2 covid cases in the district. Masks mandate on buses have been lifted per CDC guidance and Summit County public health. Students have the ability to move back into cafeteria. It has been up to building administrators to implement and do what makes sense for that building.

ADM board of Summit County (alcohol, drug abuse and mental health) - Aimee Kirsch and him are working closely with this. Mental health is a county and statewide issue. This issue is bigger than the school. We have asked the township, Fairlawn chamber to partner and all work together. It has to be a group and government effort. ADM is using Copley as a model for other districts. We need to find a better way to reach parents and families. Bullying, anxiety and pressure children are putting on themselves and sometimes we don't see that pressure. Bimas screener flagged about 20% of our students. Lag time between school starts and addressing stress with the transition from 4-5 grade, 8-9 grades and transition from graduation to college. Web Program - Orientation process and 5th grade students are paired with a 7th grade mentor and similar program will be implemented in the HS with 9th grade and 11th and 12th grade students.

Social Media makes it tough for us to impact students with mental health professionals before they are on social media. Securely notifications – all administration that works 24/7. We will respond anytime of day to address an issue or threat if it occurs. Other districts don't handle things on the weekend. Our local police officers will perform a well visit to assess the situation.

Assistant Superintendent Brian Williams: We are going back in person for our art show April 20-21. Teachers are collecting art now. Monday, March 7 - we are planning for staff and professional development day personalized opportunities for the staff to learn.

Business Manager Steve Robinson: We did lock out drills recently the police department and they have asked us to mix it up so it's not typical. They're having staff members to initiate a lockdown with no warning. It took more time than anticipated. We have located a program to initiate a lockdown from any telephone with the push of one button. Informacast is the program and will implement through Neonet. All work should be done by end of April and also some panic buttons that are auxiliary parts of the program. 1 button push with automated message with instructions to evacuate or shelter in place.

Director of Pupil Services Aimee Kirsch: Bimas screening will start next week. We are a resource of the crisis team to help any neighboring communities with all of our resources. Tiktok is a struggle and other social media platforms. National online safety organization has launched a new app to view the content that is being pushed out to your children. You can connect into your child's social media account through the app. National Online Safety (NOS)

OH PTA Vice President of Field Service – Barb Varley: No Report

New Business: Nominating Committee election – Motion made by Stephanie Estephan for Bethany Saris, Poppy D'Amico, Cathlin Pusateri to be on the committee- Motion 2nd by Rita Kapusinski – Committee was unanimously approved

Committee Reports:

Art Show – Atosha Wyatt:

Founders Day: Romi Brozeit - went great and thank you for our host and integration of digital. All expenses have been submitted.

Website: Michelle Knoblock – no report for this month

Wellness: Ashlee Eckelsen Feb 21-24 is national eating disorder awareness week. Ashlee did a presentation at the HS. Great feedback and was able to help direct a student to some help. MS presentation of intro to body image and eating disorders to answer questions. Opportunity for self reflection and cards to ask questions without having to speak out. Walk a thon with Herberich fundraiser to get out and move. April 23 10-noon for that event.

Unit Reports:

High School – Cathlin Pusateri See attached

Middle School – Nicole Covil See attached

Arrowhead – Rita Kapusinski See attached

Fort Island – Shelley Melchior See attached

Herberich – Stephanie Kist See attached

Old Business: None

Announcements:

Board of Education Meeting – 3/15 in the CHS Auditorium or MOCR at 5:30pm

No School 3/7 – Professional Development Day

Region 5 Meeting – March 3rd at 7pm Hopocan Gardens in Norton

Council meeting – Wednesday, April 13th @9:30am in CHS Bistro 81 & via zoom

Spring Break No School 4/4-4/8

Ohio PTA Conference April 29-30th at Marriott Northwest, Dublin Ohio

Meeting Adjourned: 11:10 AM

Attendance: 23 participants accounted for 97 minutes of service for March meeting (excluding the central office)