

Copley-Fairlawn, PTA Council Meeting - September 7, 2022 In Person and Zoom Conference Call

Meeting called to order: 9:33am

President: Nicole Covil - Congratulated Arrowhead and Fort Island for obtaining The National PTA School of Excellence Award for 2021-2023; Pass Around Folder; The PTA Council Executive Board signed off and agreed to the Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest policies. Shelley Melchior motioned to approve. Membership voted to approve; Suggested to submit membership dues monthly so units can qualify for monthly incentive rewards offered by Ohio PTA.

Secretary: Rachel Gulas - Motion to approve May minutes. Members voted to approve. May minutes will be filed as written; send volunteer hours to Rachel.

Treasurer: Romi Brozeit - Bethany Saris motioned to approve 2021-2022 Financial Review. Membership voted to approve. See attached report for details. Bethany Saris motioned to approve the 2022-2023 Budget. See attached report for details.

1st VP: Javan Rench (not present) - Slots still open for Krispy Kreme sale at remaining home football games; Inquiry regarding Honey Baked Ham gift card sale. Arrowhead is doing this as a unit fundraiser.

2nd VP: Susan Strandberg - Discussed filing requirements for PNC account and payment app info; Discussed membership incentives from Ohio PTA. Submit memberships throughout the year to qualify each month; Discussed process for achieving National PTA School of Excellence designation; Discussed Reflections Art competition; September 9th Safety Training Friday 9/9 9:30-11. Encouraged for parent volunteers and substitute teachers; Blood drive planned for Thursday 2/9.

Superintendent: Brian Poe (not present)

Assistant Superintendent: Brian Williams/Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Services: Amy Kirsch - Fully staffed from a certified staffing position. Struggling with other staffing, specifically transportation staff (looking for more drivers). Still able to transport all students who are eligible for transportation. Openings in the cafeteria staff. Also looking for SNAs (student needs assistants). District is in talks with police departments to secure a full time officer for each building. Currently, officers in the buildings at MS and HS.

New lockdown system in all rooms in all buildings. Button on every district phone can put the building into lockdown with the touch of the button followed by a code. Students are aware of

the system and can use it if necessary. Volunteers are encouraged to use the system if they see something suspicious.

\$2.98 million bond levy approved by the school board for November ballot. Planned improvements: HS front entrance, All restrooms in all buildings renovated, adding family restrooms (1 at each Primary, 3 at MS, 4 at HS), Parking lot improvements, additional parking at FIPS, MS and HS cafeteria upgrades, MS and HS sewer upgrades, HS auditorium upgrades (lighting, sound system, curtains), HS softball and baseball press boxes (new) , MS stadium/track upgrades (rubber surface, bleachers), HS field house, new bleachers, 8 lane track, lighting updates, new gateway entrance. Administration has built in the cost of inflation for materials and labor into the levy amount. New buildings would cost 7x more than the upgrades. Much money has already been invested for HVAC, windows, etc. into existing buildings. This is a 30 year bond. Once the issue passes, design work will start and projects sent out for bids. Larger projects may not start for 18-24 months. Secured vestibule at high school contains laminated glass. Commons windows at high school will have 3M film added to become like laminated glass. Bleachers and sewer upgrades needed regardless if the bond issue passes.

MS and HS have gender neutral (individual) restrooms. Primary schools work with families about gender neutral restrooms, as requested. Law requires that students can use the restroom as they identify. Individual restrooms will be provided for those that are not comfortable using public restrooms.

Two new school counselors at the HS. MS new school psychologist. Updates with mental health providers. Akron Child Guidance and Red Oak. New national suicide hotline number: 988.

Business Manager: Steve Robinson - Bus app is not working. StopFinder is very limited: locations, times, communications to parents. It does not include GPS bus tracking. They are considering adding that to the app once the app is working correctly and all parents can log in and student information is correct. Also considering using another app if StopFinder won't work. Other districts are also reporting issues with StopFinder.

District has lost 4 bus drivers since the start of school. Small routes have been combined and one bus was eliminated. District is looking at all options to keep all kids transported. If a driver calls off and no sub is available, parents will be notified by reverse call. 4 candidates are moving forward with the qualification process to be new drivers.

Committee Reports:

Cavaliers Game Night: Bethany Saris - Deposit sent, date TBD. Ticket sales determine student involvement (choirs singing, spirit tunnel, etc.) Buildings will receive fundraising money based on ticket sales by their unit.

Advocacy/Wellness: Jessica Lewandowski & Jamie Ross - Requested policy change regarding snacks and food rewards in classrooms and buildings to care for students with food limitations. Suggested issuing coupons for rewards and having only non-food prizes and games. Suggested standardizing class party rules in all buildings and rooms and requiring all food be approved by all ahead of time.

Reflections: Bridget LaGuardia - Shelley Melchior volunteered to help supplement binder information.

Website: Nicole Covil - Please forward anything you would like posted on council's social media
Unit Reports:

Copley High School: Stephanie Estephan - See attached

Copley Middle School: Bethany Saris - See attached

Arrowhead: Rita Kapusinski - See attached

Fort Island: Shelly Melchior - See attached

Herberich: Pam Kleinke - See attached

Upcoming Events:

PTA School Safety Training – Fri. Sept. 9th 9:30-11:00 a.m. CHS Main Gym

Copley-Fairlawn Board of Education Meeting – Tues. Sept. 20th @ 5:30 p.m.

PTA Council Meeting – Weds. October 5th 2022 @ 9:30 a.m. Bistro 81 & Zoom

No School – Fri. October 14th & Mon. October 17th

Meeting adjourned: 11:29am.

Attendance: 25 participants accounted for 120 minutes of service for September meeting (excluding central office staff)