

Sacajawea PTG Minutes
Zoom Meeting November 18, 2020

PTG President Hilary Kozel opened the meeting at 12:50 by introducing the PTG officers and Principal Jeremy Ochse. She also mentioned that this would be the last PTG Zoom meeting until January 20, 2021. No meeting in December

Principal Presentation

Hybrid Model Update

Principal Ochse mentioned that Spokane Public Schools was recognized as one of the top three districts in the U.S. for their distance learning model.

The hybrid model is ready and has been approved. The middle school and high school models will be somewhat different. Students will be divided into two groups, an A group and a B group, with 15 students per group. It will be a 6-period day. Plans are in place for social distancing with blue dots and red dots, stations to assess how students are feeling, alphabetical order for the cafeteria. There will be a COVID response room and a COVID response team. Each teacher will have a caddy with PPE devices. High school and middle school will not necessarily resume at the same time.

Middle Level Capital Projects

Spokane Public Schools has already put out its Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to build the new schools – Sacajawea and a new South Hill school. Firms make their bid to the district, which will go to the school board in December.

What are the next steps for Sacajawea? The job has already been posted for a Planning Principal for the new school to work with Jeremy at Sac. There will be a Design Team at Sac to decide on things like furniture and room spaces. The team will meet bi-weekly for 2-3 hours for the next 2-1/2 years. It's a long commitment!

Honor Roll

Since the traditional donut celebration cannot take place at this time, Honor Roll students will be sent their recognition in the mail. Each student will receive a custom certificate, stickers for water bottles, and a card to place in their window. These will be mailed out Monday, November 23. The PTG will help with the postage and possibly contribute to the cost of the other items. Jeremy will write up a Teacher Grant for the amount needed. This will then be approved by the PTG.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report included a 10/31/20 bank balance of \$5607.60. November activity, at the time of the 11/18/20 meeting, included donations for Sac Gives of \$1936.00, \$75 for PBIS, and a \$74.36 deposit from Amazon Smile. This resulted in a pending balance of \$7692.96. There will be further incoming and outgoing bank activity in November and December due to Sac Gives.

Sac Gives

Sac Gives is the annual holiday fundraiser to help families in need in the Sac community. These gifts are given anonymously, with only the counselors knowing their identities. Greg Smith, 7th grade counselor, said about 45 invites had been sent to families via phone and email. Without the students in the building, it has been harder to make the connections. The counselors are following up and hoping to have as many as possible by Friday. Greg added that the families really look forward to this event – that younger siblings of Sac students, who are now Sac students themselves remember the big black bags of gifts being delivered to their door.

Kate Sheffield said that \$1936.00 has been raised so far for Sac Gives. There is a Pay Pal link on Sacthunderbirds.com. ELD students are given gift cards. In the past, a Sac T-shirt or sweatshirt has also been included for these students.

The wrapping party will look different this year due to the virus. Only a small group of 5 people will be allowed in the building to wrap the gifts. Gift bags will be used rather than wrapping the presents for this reason.

Fund Run Update

Jeremy said that \$5,074 has been raised for ASB so far. This money is used for the needs of Sac kids for clubs and sports. The ASB coordinator is Mr. Weed.

School Levy

Megan Read is on the Leadership team for the district for Citizens for Spokane Schools, which works on the Yes for Kids! Campaign. The levy is planned for February 9, 2021. This is a replacement levy, not a new tax. Ballots will go out January 19-21, 2021. The school board was meeting November 18 to finalize. There will be zones set up with reps from each school. There will be yard signs and posting on social media. PTG is not a school employee so information can come from the PTG. The PTG can donate to Yes for Kids Campaign.

Misc.

Hilary mentioned that PTG officers will be needed for next year. The vacant positions will be President, Treasurer and Secretary. Hilary has offered her help next year even though she will not have kids at Sac.

Teacher Grants, where Sac teachers can submit a need to the PTG for class enrichment, will be opened up in February 2021.

Parents have suggested a fund raising idea of SAC yard signs for students, for school spirit and motivation. With SAC GIVES and flower basket sales in spring the PTG Board felt that yard sign cost analysis and distribution would be an unnecessary burden to carry at this time.

The meeting ended at 1:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Lianna Scher

