

## **Mosby Woods ES PTA Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**Tuesday, May 26, 2020**

**6:30-7:00 pm, via BBCU link (Online)**

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:31pm
  
2. Melissa Cox, Technology Specialist
  - Ms. Cox gave all participants in the PTA meeting a quick run-through of how Blackboard Collaborate Ultra works so that everyone was able to participate
  
3. Report from Administration and Staff
  - Dr. Aste introduced Katherine Doyle, our School Social Worker at MWES, who has been working on helping raise money and gift cards for families at our school that are in need of financial and/or food assistance
    - Ms. Doyle has partnered with Oakton United Methodist Church to collect gift cards for our families in need; so far 32 gift cards have been donated
    - Ms. Doyle will be at MWES this Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> to mail the gift cards to our families
    - Money OR gift cards are welcome, for those interested in donating
    - The secretary at Oakton United Methodist Church will be buying the gift cards on behalf of our school and will then coordinate with Ms. Doyle
  - Dr. Aste thanked the PTA for the Amazon gift cards for our teachers for Teacher Appreciation Week
  - Dr. Aste thanked our current PTA Presidents (Lan Van-Buendia and Sam Malone-McCormack) for the amazing job they did this year leading our PTA, and presented them with virtual flower bouquets to commemorate their final term as co-presidents
  - Dr. Aste thanked the PTA board for their service this year
  - Dr. Aste updated the PTA on the status of Distance Learning at MWES, stating that it is going as well as it possibly could for Mosby Woods—we are seeing a high level of engagement from our students and teachers are doing well with the new virtual teaching format. She said she believed that Distance Learning may be a part of our future for next year's school year
  - Summer Learning workbooks will be available in July by mail. Students that participate in Summer Learning will be able to check in with a teacher once a week if they need assistance (there will be one FCPS teacher per grade level)
  - Parent Pick-Up of student belongings will begin next week. Dr. Aste emailed MWES families to let them know that teachers have packed up their classrooms and will have all student

belongings ready for curbside pick-up, using the Kiss and Ride lane. Staff will observe social distancing and will be wearing gloves and masks.

- Families can also return library books, instruments, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders can return laptops as well
- There is no official plan to return to school from the county yet—FCPS will wait for advice from Governor Northam before making any decisions. It will likely be a hybrid plan, with some students returning to schools and some students doing distance learning
  - FCPS says it will be a thoughtful plan for how to return to school, and will only be a safe return that follows guidelines. There is no set date, as of yet, when the decision will be made

#### 4. Presidents' Report

- A vote was held to elect the new PTA Board. The vote passed and the new Board became official, results will be in the PTA Newsletter and website. The 2020-2021 PTA Board is listed below:
  - Mary Ann Linder – Co-President
  - Jenny Marinovich – Co-President
  - Nina Deal – VP of Membership
  - Oranous Tavoosi – Treasurer
  - Laura Vo – Secretary

#### 5. Treasurer's Report

- There was a lot of money unspent due to field trips, etc. being cancelled; and not as much money raised via fundraising due to school being cancelled in March.
- MWES ended up with an excess of \$15K that we can carry over to next year by amending next year's budget with what's called a "COVID-19 Rollover", and this needs to be put to a PTA vote. The PTA voted and the amendment passed with a majority.
- Only about \$2400 of the PTA's budget was spent this year
- PTA wants to increase next year's Staff Appreciation allotment for returning staff (it would amount to a \$1-1200K increase). No amendment to the budget is needed since it can be covered by our current budget

#### 6. Committee Updates

- With Fall now up in the air, the PTA is looking for creative ways to do assemblies, Staff Appreciation, Spirit Wear, Box Tops, and the Book Fair—volunteers are needed for each area and those interested can email the PTA
- There may be a take-out version of Restaurant Night for June at Lost Dog—currently waiting to hear back from the manager