



Zoom meeting at 6:30 pm

Thursday, February 4th

Board members Jen Vasicek, Danielle Smart, Kristi Sloan, Erin Buck and Tanell Ogbeide in attendance

President's Report: Danielle Smart

Packed with Pride- still taking donations. Food boxes Friday and Saturday. In addition, there continues to be free lunches at bus stops for kids 2-18. They serve breakfast and lunch and if you miss the bus coming around twice a day, you can go to school and the bus is parked at 2:30 for extra lunches.

Garden Cleanup- arborists cleaned up trees- the grounds are now safe.

Treasurer report: Erin Buck

Not much expenses this year, but reimbursements are coming in and Erin is taking care of those items.

Volunteer report: Jen Vasicek

Many people have stepped up for volunteer spots including Green team, OBOB, Room parent coordinator and safe routes to schools

Positions open: auction, family events, MCT and volunteer coordinator. Jen is really looking to step down.

Yearbook : Megan Wise

Mr. Nihill indicated he's hoping Dorian has something waiting in the wings, we may have more information as time goes on. We will have a yearbook this year. All events won't be there but 5th grade students will have baby pictures. You will be able to customize a few pages yourself.

Teacher appreciation: Cyndi Clere and Megan Wise

Goal is once a month. Teachers and staff appreciate what we do.

Family dining out: Monica Bjers

Casa Lola just wrapped- we made \$297.90 and a total of \$897.94 for 4 fundraisers. Firenza is coming up on Valentine's Day. March: Chipotle and one other.

Missoula Children's Theater: Jenny Herman

Jenny said we booked 2 weeks and they do have four teams, costumes with masks, streaming online productions. They are doing residencies. There is some flexibility- even willing to do in the summertime. MCT is struggling this year to stay afloat.

Old business: Cyndi Clere

*Playground painting: Mr J has taken care of the pressure washing. Weeds are gone on the playground, but we cannot paint blacktop until the weather is 50 degrees for 24 hours with no rain.

*Staff room update. We have a plan, but need a new contractor as his insurance clause excluded schools.

Spirit Wear- Danielle Smart

Have new logos, graphics, orders have been all done online and we have backstock. She'd like to do a pop up shop when teachers do supply pickup we can have a pop up with spirit wear. Tons of sweatshirt and pj bottoms are left.

New Business- Danielle Smart

Pso funds many events: small reading groups, McConnell math, all from PSO. All our positions are voted in. Our open positions are: President elect, Volunteer coordinator, Secretary and events coordinator. The money we make this year determines the budget for next year. Next Pso meeting we will take nominations. May is voting in.

Principal's Update: Mr. Nihill

Gave a presentation for school reopening. This was a repeat of his presentation in late January. Details

Recess- daily time for socializing

Supplies- not shared put in cubbies. Trifold on desks- clear, not shared. Each student will have own trifold, taken down and pm one put theirs up

Transportation buses for going to and from school for both am and pm. Sitting at safe distance
No start date yet.

Masks will be needed. Breakfast and lunch will be grab and go.

There will be social distancing on the school busses.

Families will be helping us with a daily symptom screening at home. Do not send a child to school with symptoms. Temp check will not be taken. Temp check is not a consistent way to gauge for covid. If students are not feeling well, sent to office/ Hand Wash/hand sanitizer.

Busses and classes cleaned in between bus routes and cohorts.

Quarantine Protocol: Student cohort would need to quarantine for 14 days if someone is in contact.

Pick online or hybrid, pick by end of day next Monday by 5 pm. Choice is for the remainder of the year.

Some students will have to switch classrooms/schedule adjustments.

ParentVue is the way to elect.

Elementary staff are getting vaccinations: K-1 and special ed. Pk, k, 1 returns first, target date is mid-late March. Grades 2-3 follow then grades 4-5

Family learns cohorts about 2 weeks before k-1

There was a question and answer session that followed with many questions asked by parents in chat, and Mr. Nihill answered them all as they came in. The full recording of this can be found

on our PSO website. Due to clarity, these questions and answers have been condensed and limited in this capacity.

Q. Is there a way to specify their teacher- they really want to keep their teacher. A: Do not have a way to do that.

Q. Which teachers are hybrid or online? A. Do not have that info.

Q. Iep or 504 any additional info for keeping the same teacher? A: Doing what they can to make that a possibility.

Q. What happens to families who don't make a decision? A. Stay the same.

Q. Hybrid: Masks provided? A. Kid sized masks will be available but please bring them 75% of teacher B and 25% of teacher C will be moving to CDL and some movement will be happening.

Q. Surge in April? Going to CDL? A. Push to put elementary school back into schools.

W. Hybrid: in classroom and outside. Not a big need for handwashing- not $\frac{1}{3}$ time handwashing.

A: Entire day will not be handwashing. There will be 10-15 kids in a cohort.

Not all families are interested in cdl, not all in hybrid. Be mindful.

Q. Will CDL be the same? A. Yes

Q. Reading rocks? A. Will continue, and ELL, they will be rethinking the schedule and it will continue to happen.

Q. Cleaning between bathroom visits? A. As many adults clean and monitor very closely. No more than 2 students in the bathroom at a time. Rely on students to help up with social distancing.

Q. Why was the AZ model not discussed? A. Mr. Nihill was not a part of the planning committee and looked at many models- that is a district level question.

Q. So many changes in the school why are we starting with younger? A. K, 1 kids need more time to themselves to practice routines. Thinking we can do this in a systematic way and then open up the rest of grades.

Q. What percentage of class has to select to keep the same teacher? A. Can't say.

Q. District moving forward, are the teachers? A. The teachers union is following step by step. Surveys gone out to teachers and he's heard from administrators and been more communicative than others.

Q. If the majority of class stays in hybrid, then can keep with the same group? A. He cannot guarantee class or where they pick.

A. Same curriculum used teachers will have more access to material in the building, but curriculum will be mostly the same.

A. Breakout rooms will continue if you go to CDL

A. Parents not allowed to go into the building

Q. If you pick something, can you change later? A. If you have hesitancy or your child may be anxious, lean on CDL.

A. He suggested attending school board meetings to get apprised about hearing concerns of parents.

Q. Supplies needed? A. Each teacher will work with families on that.

Q. Quarantine? A. Teacher will teach that cohort in a remote fashion during quarantine.

Q. No windows? A. Door will remain closed. District has an increase in outside air intake to bring in as much outside air as possible. Will allow for heat to kick in. The flush of clean air going through is important.

A. Grab and go lunch is a free program and not sure how long it will last.

Q. Are you enforcing distancing with SPED students? A. We will have staff to enforce it.

A. Do our best to maintain connection with your kids and their teacher.

Q. Will kids enter the classroom thru exterior classroom door or main door? A. Depends on the classroom, but yes.

A. Mr. Nihill will share with the district to keep kids with their teachers.

Q. Why is live stream not an option? A. It has been shown to be extremely difficult to teach live stream while working with hybrid class.

A. He wants to be transparent. He tries to make as many phone calls and email and call him to talk this all out. This year has been like none other.

Q. Expedited drop off schedule? A. Yes. Nihill will be navigating traffic.

This was the full chat in zoom from our question and answer session and a full answer version can be found in our zoom recordings from this night.

19:06:00 From Cynthia's iPhone : if my child is in the hybrid plan and our family needs to quarantine due to another family member exposure, will my child have access to any learning online?

19:06:13 From Aknecht : so if we pick Hybrid and if they're sick do they have access to the online classes that day?

19:08:24 From Shawna Romanelli : Good Evening! With this particular hybrid model I worry that our kiddos will actually fall behind in their education. Was this a model that was voted on? Were there other models to choose from?

19:08:53 From dpurfield : Is there any way for a parent to specify to keep their teacher? i.e. We would take EITHER Hybrid or CDL, as long as my kids kept their teacher!!

19:10:40 From shelleysteber : We have the same question. What is the plan if a student in hybrid must stay home and quarantine? How do they access instruction for the 10-14 days?

19:10:58 From Aknecht : if you could tell us which teachers are going to be Hybrid or online that would be great!!!

19:13:02 From dpurfield : Will students with IEP's or 504's be given any additional consideration for keeping their teacher?

19:14:24 From Warren Kemper : What happens to the families that do not make a decision after Monday?

19:15:07 From syusem : You ave to make a decision. Please save us a call. Thank you!

19:15:09 From JJ : If I choose hybrid: will school supply masks or will kids arrive with their own masks?

19:15:18 From dpurfield : If most of one teacher's class decides to stay on line, will the school make an effort to keep the students together with their teacher? or are teacher/student relationships not a part of the equation?

19:16:39 From syusem : @JJ: kids have to ride the bus with a mask; they have to wear a mask when at school. It's best if they bring their own

19:18:07 From Brenna Yard : if there is a surge in in April will everyone go back to cdl?

19:18:07 From JJ : for hybrid - it sounds like kids are going to spend their time just in their classroom and outside and will also stay to themselves - so it doesn't sound like there's need for a lot of handwashing/sanitizing, when I hear this I wonder why? it's such a short time, I don't want my child spending 1/3 of their time there washing hands

19:18:09 From Keshia : If a teacher change happens, will the student change classes prior to returning in person?

19:19:00 From Warren Kemper : if you have multiple children and you pick different choices for each child. if so, is there going to be grace in dropping off one child while the other needs to get into their CDL class

19:19:47 From shelleysteber : We are really concerned about maintaining our teacher-student relationships. Are you able to tell us which teacher would be designated CDL if another one is needed? The one constant our students have is their teacher with all these changes.

19:20:10 From Warren Kemper : will CDL look like it is now or will it be on a similar schedule as if they were in the classroom?

19:20:46 From Michelle Miller : Is there a plan for how Reading Rocks will work?

19:21:49 From Warren Kemper : how will you be dealing with bathroom use and cleaning between students will there be an adult or someone to keep children from staying distanced

19:21:57 From shelleysteber : Where can we see what the CDL schedule looks like specifically? Do they have the same amount of live instruction time as we are currently receiving now in the hybrid model online?

19:22:14 From abby : I feel like the strategy should be to ask 2 part question in the survey: 1) will your child do hybrid or CDL, 2) if you knew you could keep your teacher would that change your selection...seems to me that we're not considering what would be best for kids - staying with teacher is important to me

19:22:35 From Shawna Romanelli : Why was the Arizona model not considered? They have had huge success by bringing back all kiddos for a full week then off 2 weeks as a mini quarantine while maintaining distance learning eventually working on a one week on one week off distance learning and will eventually be in school full time. This has decreased stress among families and educators.

19:22:43 From L . : With so many changes being made just within the school ie spacing, bathroom, one way halls, etc. Why are we starting with the younger kids?

19:23:19 From Warren Kemper : what percentage of the class has to choose the same option for the teacher to stay with that class

19:26:53 From Costa Capellas : It sounds like the district is all for moving forward are all of the teachers?

19:28:43 From shelleysteber : If you pick hybrid and your current teacher stays in hybrid will you definitely stay with your current teacher? Or is there a chance that you would get put with a different hybrid teacher?

19:29:00 From Chris Ayzoukian, he/him, The Reser (Beaverton, Oregon) : If we choose Hybrid, will teachers use the same curriculum (Florida Virtual)?

19:31:09 From abby : making a commitment for the remaining school year with so many unknowns feels uncomfortable/stressful -- if I knew the district / school was prepared to allow families to go back to hybrid -- if there were enough parents also wanting this, it would make my decision easier to go with hybrid

19:31:55 From abby : I meant going back to distance learning

19:33:09 From Chris Ayzoukian, he/him, The Reser (Beaverton, Oregon) : Both of our kids who are in 3rd and 4th grade have break-out rooms where kids can connect with peers and work on assignments together. Do you know if we stick to CDL, and their teachers cha ng

19:33:35 From Warren Kemper : will parents allowed in the bulding. especially ith thei kindergartners

19:34:05 From Chris Ayzoukian, he/him, The Reser (Beaverton, Oregon) : change, will the other teachers have the same break out rooms? I think it's beneficial for that social aspect.

19:35:39 From Kristi Sloan To Chris Ayzoukian, he/him, The Reser (Beaverton, Oregon)(privately) : Thompson who is the CDL for 3rd does do break out rooms but it doesn't sound like in the same way that you all are used to. Thompson uses it not really for socialization but for small group work.

19:38:38 From Warren Kemper : What happens if a parent/student pick hybrid and find out later (Kindergartener specifically) that they can't handle the situation, can we move them back to CDL?

19:38:40 From Shawna Romanelli : Moving forward it would be great if the district would consider having a parent representative to voice the concerns of parents from both perspectives. It also would be helpful to have a parent rep for each classroom and have them come together to voice all concerns and then send that rep to the administrators so that we can be a part of these decisions for our kiddos.

19:40:16 From Warren Kemper : are we going to have to but a whole new set of supplies jst to semd to school or will they be taking them home with them each day

19:40:59 From Michelle Miller : If an entire cohort needs to quarantine how will those kids get instruction for the 14 days they are out of school

19:41:42 From MBjers : If there are no windows in a classroom and only a door, will the door be propped open for ventilation or will the door remain closed for security?

19:42:49 From Kanae Nishi : I am not hearing anything about SPED and feel very uncomfortable making a decision without knowing even less than GenEd. How are you going to meet the plans/goals stated in an IEP if Hybrid is chosen especially SPED teachers are split between CDL and hybrid?

19:43:26 From MBjers : If grab/go lunch is selected is the program paid as it would be during regular school years when the lunch program is available or will grab/go remain a free program at this time?

19:43:46 From Katie Gailey : Since it sounds like a lot of this is district mandaited, Will all our families concerns be shared with the districts? For planning for the fall as an example.

19:44:11 From Kanae Nishi : How are you going to enforce distancing etc. with SPED students?

19:44:20 From Warren Kemper : In reference to kindergarteners and issues with hybrid, It all depends on if she is going to keep her current teacher or not. We have a feeling if she has to go to a new teacher, she WILL have a problem.

19:45:35 From MBjers : When children arrive at school and leave will they be entering their classroom through the interior common areas or escorted to the exterior door of their classroom if there is an exterior door?

19:47:01 From abby : Please please reconsider your approach and do a 2 part survey to parents - we really do need to know if our kids will stay with their teacher, consider this fact a great compliment to your staff...we love our teachers, our kids have connected with their teachers, and we will go where they go -- I urge district to reconsider their approach on how they are asking parents to make a commitment at this point without knowing who teacher will be

19:49:08 From L . : why is live stream not an option?

19:50:46 From L . : Just want to say thank you! We know this is stressful for not only us but you and the staff as well. We know most of the decisions are district led.

19:51:23 From Shawna Romanelli : Thank you for answering all of these tough questions! We all want what's best for our kiddos and together we will make it happen!

19:51:24 From abby : yes, thank you and thank you Mr. Nihill for answering all these questions, can't imagine this has been easy for you! We appreciate tyou

19:51:53 From MBjers : Thank you Mr. Nihill and all MW staff. This can't be easy. We appreciate you!

19:52:19 From Chris Ayzoukian, he/him, The Reser (Beaverton, Oregon) : Thanks so much for listening to all of our questions!!!

19:52:25 From Kim Dickerson : Agreed, thank you so much to Mr. Nihill and all the staff working so hard for our kids. We appreciate your transparency

19:52:55 From shelleysteber : Thank you for offering this time tonight to ask questions! We appreciate you and your staff so much! We also fully understand these weren't all your decisions.

19:53:40 From Warren Kemper : are you working on an expedited drop off system

19:54:26 From Hestian Stoica : Mr. Nihill is ready to be in a Presidential Debate after this evening :) Thank you for answering all questions!

19:54:29 From Erik Reynolds : Thank you, Mr. Nihill and PSO Board!!

19:54:45 From Erin Buck : Will bike rack still be available?>