**CAMPBELL PTA MEEETING Minutes**

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2020  
6:30-8:00pm**

**ATTENDANCE: ~68 via Zoom**

**1.** **Called to order by Tammy Bewitz (PTA President) at 6:30pm**

* 1. Ms. Salazar provided Spanish translation
  2. Ice breaker: Tammy invited all attendees to share frequently heard phrases in the chat
  3. Tammy thanked everyone for joining the first PTA meeting of the school year, and a special thanks to the previous PTA board

**2. Tammy Bewitz:**

**Why join the PTA?**

* + Volunteer
  + Help build new student programs
  + Connect with other parents
  + Make your voice heard
  + Be a “super parent”- we already all are super parents!
  + Stay informed

**Who is the PTA?**

Tammy presented members of the various committees (including new Equity & Diversity committee, ACTL (Advisory Council on Teaching & Learning), etc.) and gave explanation. Please volunteer or reach out if you’d like to get involved.

Need an alternate for ACTL- Jessica Haney offered to, also representing SHAB (Student Health Advisory Board; Maraea Harris offered to help with IT/Communications

**3. Jenny Morris (Treasurer): Budget**

* + - 1. Beginning balance: $54,268.00
      2. Income

Will edit “October Fun Run” to Fun Run

COMMENT: The auction budget you’re proposing for the auction is very high (we collected $14,000 last year).

REPLY by Tammy and Jenny: We don’t know what to expect, we can adjust.

* + - 1. Expense Section: Outdoor classroom (Hope to utilize outdoor classroom when we come back) we don’t exactly know what the school year will look like.

COMMENT by Tammy Bewitz: The budget can help support teachers in need.

QUESTION: Do the ticket/gift cards donated last year for the auction have an expiration date? ANSWER: We need to check.

* + - 1. Treasurer explained the budget for activities like:

Boys/Girls on the Run

Odyssey of the Mind- planning to have this year!!

Musical

Math Dice

Community Building

Fall Festival

Family night

Virtual Bingo

School Picnic

* + - 1. We have a budget for reading support
      2. PTA meetings may not need child care this year, but we need language translation
      3. Grounds maintenance
      4. Spirit gear

QUESTION by Ms. Morgan: Will materials they bought with their own money be reimbursed?

ANSWER by Jenny: Yes, probably after the budget approval.

QUESTION about the food assistance in the budget?

ANSWER: Ms. Nesselrode explained the pantry purpose is to help families in case of emergencies. It is not meant to be long term.

Need to look at auction items not used last spring and come up with alternate plans. Check on expiration dates. Rona introduced herself as VP for Fundraising. She talked about fundraising, and asked if people are interested, please email her: [fundraising@campbellschool.org](mailto:fundraising@campbellschool.org). Rona asked for help inventorying leftover donated items.

**4. VOTE TO APPROVE BUDGET:** Nathan Zee motioned to approve. Barbara Martinez seconded. Voted unanimously in favor. Budget approved.

**5. VOTE TO APPROVE AUDIT:** Nathan Zee gave an explanation about the audit: The audit took place in Barbara Martinez’s back yard in August 2020. There were three participants. They reviewed the rules, receipts, and approvals. Tammy asked for motion to approve the audit. Enis Al Majeed motioned to approve. Shana Brown seconded. Vote: passed unanimously.

President and Treasurer will make sure VAPTA receives a copy of the audit.

**6. Principal’s Update- Ms. Nesselrode:**

* Ms. Nesselrode thanked the staff that joined the PTA meeting, and thanked all the staff for a magnificent job this week. Explained there is no hybrid learning, and she doesn’t have any more information about it at this moment.
* On August 24 all the staff returned to work. They explained that Canvas has more functions compared to Google classroom, and at this moment all the teachers are focusing on teaching technology. In the next weeks they will start with regular instruction. So far school attendance is strong. We still have some IPad’s that need to be picked up.
* Ms. Gust has been the support of technical issues. Soon she will give more information about additional help with technical support for Campbell families. Ms. Castillo is helping too.
* On Back to School night teachers will be explaining more about class routines. The help between staff and parents is really appreciated. Not all days will be perfect, but we are doing our best.
* Campbell staff is planning one final distribution for the end of September/early October with instructional school materials, and IPad’s for families who need it.
* Instructional goals are reading and math. We don’t want parents to re-teach. Our goal is that the students receive the best instructions.
* Ms. Krippner is the new 5th grade teacher, and part of the Diversity and Equity team.
* Campbell collected books and all have been disinfected. Now students can check out books from the library. Ms. Decker explained how to do it online.
* We encourage families to pick up lunch food at Campbell or any designated place around Arlington.
* Back to school night September 16, 2020 from 5-7 pm.

**7. Priorities & Initiatives (Tammy):**

Brainstormed ideas for community engagement and virtual learning support. Some ideas:

* + Tech items (Keyboards, monitors)
  + IT support/Training
  + Hotspots in our community
  + Virtual and in person play dates
  + Virtual dance party
  + Diversity and Equity Committee
  + Virtual book fair

Please submit ideas by Sept. 21st. A survey will be sent out in an effort to help identify priorities and focus our energies for the year.

To get involved, join the PTA via this link: <https://campbellschool.org/get-involved/join-the-pta/>

**Meeting ended at 8:13 pm**