

## **Frost MS PTA: Virtual Meeting Minutes**

**Date: May 11, 2021**

**Secretary: Susanne Fitch**

**Meeting called to order: 7:34 PM**

**Present:** Anthony Harris, Kathy Hughes, LaTisha Elcock, Joe Berret, David Lee, Sandra Honeysett, Dr. Zabel, Stephanie M., Lisa Libby

**Welcome: PTA President (LaTisha Elcock)**

### **Principal's Report: Frost MS Principal (Anthony Harris)**

- Mr. Harris thanked families for the outpouring of love and support they provided during Teacher Appreciation Week.
- There have been a couple of Covid cases at Frost MS in the past few days, as communicated to families. The first case was a student. Affected students and staff had to quarantine at the direction of the Health Department. The second case was a staff member and that case was resolved on the same day.
- Frost MS families experienced heavy traffic on Monday due to SOL testing. Mr. Harris reassured the PTA that testing does not begin until students are settled and ready. Ideally students should be at school by 7:30, but teachers understand that students may arrive later due to traffic conditions. About 900 students are coming to Frost MS for testing on May 24, and about 85% of the students are arriving by car. Traffic on the 17<sup>th</sup> will be lighter because only 8<sup>th</sup> graders are testing that day. A new traffic pattern will be in effect on Monday testing days to alleviate some of the congestion. There were a few technology issues with the administration of the SOLs on Monday, but those will be resolved.
- Ms. Shannon, Assistant Principal at Frost MS, will serve as the Interim Principal at Providence ES from now until July 1. This is a great professional development opportunity for her that the Frost MS community fully supports. Mr. Berret will assume most of her responsibilities at Frost in the meantime. He has extensive special education experience with FCPS as well as an advanced degree in special education from Johns Hopkins University.
- The end of year celebration for 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be similar to last year. There will be a slide show for students and families in which students receive well-wishes from teachers and staff and are recognized for their accomplishments. On June 11 from 1 pm to 6 pm food trucks at Frost will dispense free ice cream or other snacks as a gift from the school to celebrate the end of the year as students return laptops and other equipment.
- This summer Lift Off for rising 7<sup>th</sup> graders will take place on August 12. There are two time slots to choose from. Orientation for rising 7<sup>th</sup> graders will take place on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Students will receive class schedules and meet their teachers that morning. They may return in the afternoon for self-guided tours. Due to the renovations at the school, no lockers will be assigned. On August 18<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to pick up schedules and for self-guided tours. Some students who were virtual learners have not had the opportunity to visit the school in-person.
- Mr. Harris asked families to check their emails for student course requests to make sure that students got the electives they wanted. Any requested changes to the schedule must be made by June 11.

- Mr. Berret spoke to the PTA membership about erosion fences which were erected at the school over the weekend. One of the walking paths from the Chestnut Hills neighborhood was impacted and will be blocked once construction fences are erected. Directional signs will be put into place so students will know which way to walk to get to school safely.
- Mr. Berret provided an update on the school renovation. The contractors from Design and Construction and Frost staff are working together to figure out how to proceed with construction in a manner that gets the job done while still ensuring an atmosphere conducive to learning. Work is on schedule and should be completed by Fall 2024.
- Mr. Harris shared a slide presentation on FCPS School Programs for SY 2021-22. The return to school for either two- or four-day learning has resulted in increased engagement. Mitigation strategies are working to prevent the transmission of Covid at school. Frost MS is ready for five days of in-person instruction in the fall. CDC guidelines will continue to drive FCPS practices. Anyone with concerns about the return to school is encouraged to reach out to the admin team. There will be a division-level virtual program in 2021-22 for students with documented health and medical needs. Families who wish to participate are required to submit a Covid-19 Health Eligibility Form.

**President's Report: PTA President (LaTisha Elcock)**

- Ms. Elcock explained to members that the PTA is seeking candidates for the roles of president and vice president for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Ms. Elcock and Ms. Hughes shared a slide presentation: "So You Want to be the Frost PTA President!", which outlined the responsibilities of those offices.

**Treasurer's Report: PTA Treasurer (David Lee)**

- Ms. Elcock presented the Treasurer's Report.

**Vice President's Report: PTA Vice President (Kathy Hughes)**

(None)

**Approval of PTA Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the March and April meetings were reviewed. There was a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded. The minutes were approved.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM.**

**Next PTA Meeting: Tuesday, June 8, 2021, 7:30 PM**