



Shreveport Elementary PTA



Meeting Agenda

January 11, 2022 7:00 PM | Location: Zoom

In Attendance: Kate Coho, Deb Sutton, Susie Lilburn, Josh Desmyter, Louise Brady, Katie Bartolotta, Cara Berman, Lina Almeddine, Bridget Lancaster, Stacia Keel, Mayuriel Tatiana Perez, Mohammad Islam, Kate Kelly, Jennifer Adams, Darlene McNerney, Karen Archer, Clare Valudes, Kristen Moore, Mindy Pava, Merci Pinzon, Purvi Vashee, Miana Ford, Alope Barnwal, Kate Hall, Ponneh Varho, Adrienne Hancock, Nicole Shook, Kelly Ego, Anita Prichard, Paola Robey, Anya Robyak, Maureen Queler, ARIF, Valentin, DhruvJyoti Dey, Carmen Eliza

Welcome/Call to order (7PM)

- Kate welcomed the community and introduced our guests.

Admin Updates

- Mr. DeSmyter, Principal, Ms. Lilburn, Asst. Principal,
- Mr. Desmyter introduces MS. Lilburn who is serving as a temporary Asst Principal for the remainder of the year.
- The start of the year in 2022 has been great so far. They were nervous with the recent COVID spike, but it has gone very well so far.
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- Josh started by thanking the community for its support. Kate and Josh were collaborating before heading back to school from winter break for PTA support to the school. The PTA purchased N95 masks for all staff (2-5 masks per staff member).
- SWES Health and Safety: continuing to practice and reinforce health habits (proper mask wearing, social distancing where possible, hand hygiene); creative snack times, lunch is 6ft apart.
- Stream In Check In will stay the same during any quarantines. Your child's teacher will email you with instructions for live streaming math and language arts lessons and any asynchronous work.
- What to do if your student tests positive?
- Parents should notify the school using the attendance line or attendance form online. 703-645-6666. Students must stay home and complete a 10-day isolation period from school and school activities.
- Parent will be notified by the administration with other guidance.

- Student may return to school when student has completed 10-day isolation from symptom onset, and fever free for 24-hours, and symptoms have improved. Submit FCPS isolation letter to main office upon return.
- What to do if your student is a close contact of a positive case at SWES?
- You'll be notified by an administrator and will go home until cleared to return. Student will be paused and go through Stream In Check In for school.
- When can they return to school?
 - Vaccinated and Asymptomatic – Complete health dept vax survey verification in the pause letter. May resume activities when receive clearance from Health Dept. Usually fairly quick turn around.
 - If not fully Vaccinated and Asymptomatic – Must complete a 5-day quarantine, wear a face covering at school at all times, and return pause letter upon return.
 - If they get symptoms, you must get a COVID test or see a doctor for an alternate diagnosis and complete pause letter.
 - If your student is a close contact to a case outside of SWES, FCPS no longer requires return to school documentation. Recommend that you follow their guidance for quarantine and isolation.
- SNOW Days:
- Some information will be coming out soon about virtual snow days. Principal meeting soon about asynchronous and synchronous possibilities for students.
- All classes will practice to get ready for it. They have been doing this all along, anyway.
- If there is a virtual synchronous snow day, students will be ready to do it. Practice bringing home laptop and charging it at home.
- Laptops are very heavy for younger students, so some leave them at school. But, we've been asked to start practicing for virtual snow days.
- Students will bring home laptops every night starting on Friday, 1/14. They should charge them at night every night.
- MiFi devices are available if families need internet access at home.
- Vaccination Clinic 1/19 4:30 – 7:00pm – Check Wise Words for update.
- Admin will provide a flow chart of vaccination info this week in the Wise Words.
- Questions:
- Can students just bring laptops home on days when snow days may be in the forecast? Sometimes we don't have control over the weather forecast. So, we want the kids to be ready no matter what.
- The younger students have some of the older laptops that are heavier. Is there any plan to update laptops for the younger kids? Kim Negro and Mary (TSPEC) have been collaborating with other schools to get the smaller, lighter laptops. We need 60 additional laptops and make a quicker turnaround for our students. Also looking at additional chargers to make sure they have them.

- Can people use a home computer on a snow day? The school would take requests like that on a case by case basis. One of the concerns is that home laptops may not have all the latest updates and safety and security measures that are built into their school laptops.
- How have staffing levels been this week? Have you had to combine classes and move to asynchronous learning at all per the Superintendent's message? The school has a coverage committee that ensures coverage (Central Office staff that specifically support Shreveewood). The snow week helped resolve some staffing issues. We have not had to do this at all yet. It would be a last resort to combine classes.
- Can you share information about the FCPS testing sites? Put in Wise Words and PTA Newsletter.
- For unvaccinated kids who have to wear masks in the second half of their quarantine period, Ms. Lilburn will look into whether it is any different than the mask requirement for all students.
- Is there a temperature threshold for col, windy weather at recess? If there is a wind chill advisory, there is a threshold. It will be in the Wise Words. Remind families to send students with proper winter accessories. Combination of temperature and wind chill.
- How can someone get help if they're having trouble with ParentVue mobile app? Contact Maria Guiliani and everyone in the front office.
- As information changes, they'll continue to monitor it and share information with the community. Some changes may happen with the new Governor of Virginia in the next few weeks.
- Are they still doing free lunch for everyone? It is all still free for the whole year.
- Buses have been coming later. There are driving shortages and they're struggling with it. They're doubling up routes, dropping some students off and then picking up other students. They will provide communication as necessary. The school bus app is helpful. They'll add that to the Wise Words, as well.

Old Business

- Approval of 11/9/2021 PTA meeting notes (available on website)
 - **Do I hear a motion to approve the meeting notes?**
- 1) Cara Berman 2) Karen Archer; All in favor: Motion approved**

New Business

- Treasurer's report:
- Paola provided an update. The PTA Board made a decision to purchase kids sized surgical masks and N95 and KN95 masks for teachers. We also purchased rapid antigen tests for the school if teachers can't access them otherwise. Working to keep staff in the building, feeling safe and supported. That expenditure occurred this month.
- PTA donated some funds for the Book Fair for students to purchase books if they were otherwise unable to do so. Ms. Wenzel did a great job facilitating that.

- The ArmChair Fundraiser has increased a bit through employer matches. It has grown over the past few months.
- Suggestion to purchase lanyards for masks. The PTA provided some last year, but they were not widely used. Cara suggested it as a way to help some kids keep their masks cleaner and readily available.
- PTA Needs YOU!
- The Read-a-Thon will be happening March 14-25th. Louise Brady will chair it again this year. Email luebrady@gmail.com if you're interested in helping out with the read-a-thon.
 - Theme will likely be Roald Dahl with Golden tickets and prizes. Looking for good ideas for fundraising. Goal is to raise \$15K.
 - Last year's goal was \$10K and we raised \$26K!
- Spring Events Committee: email ptaboardshrewood@gmail.com.
 - We don't know what the spring will be like, but we'd like to do something fun for the community either in person (outside) or virtually.
- Interested in Committee Chair/Board Position 2022-23 – Come to a Q&A session with current/former PTA Board Members and Committee Chairs February 2nd at 8pm via Zoom.
 - No pressure, just a learning opportunity. Looking for fresh perspectives and ideas.
- MemberHub – please make sure you have signed up! To keep getting the newsletter in the new year, you'll need to register for MemberHub. You do not need to be a member.
 - <https://shrewoodes.memberhub.com/join/2c0d5c>

For the Common Good/Other Business and Announcements

- Mrs. Vandewalker had her twins on January 4th – Colby and Blake.
- To keep getting the weekly PTA newsletter, you'll need to register for MemberHub. You do not need to be a member.
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Next Meeting

- Tuesday, February 8th at 7pm. School specialists will talk about Social and Emotional Wellness supports at Shrewood.

Adjournment – Do I hear a motion to adjourn?

- 1) Kristen Moore 2) Josh Desmyter; All in favor: Motion approved

Meeting ended at 7:45pm.