



Cedar Park PTC Virtual Community Meeting

May 11, 2020

ATTENDEES (via Zoom): Bettina Jeszenszky, Tina Meier-Nowell, Ellen Rothery, Erika Hammond, Jenna Dornblaser, Shannon Anderson, Kali Bader, Carolyn Pasquarella, Hannah Donohue, Skye Kutansky, Maureen Louie, Jennifer Rafanan

CALL TO ORDER (6:31pm)

PRINCIPAL REPORT, Dr. Shannon Anderson

- **8th Grade Honors Ceremony:** After checking in with other middle school principals, this year's event will be held online and recorded. A small speech will be made and all the honor student names will be read. 8th grade teachers will present their own department honor awards, showing the student's name and picture. Awards mailed home and recording will be shared with parents (download available).
- **8th Grade Closure Event:** Again, after checking in with other principals on how best to give 8th graders closure, Cedar Park has a tentative plan for 6/9 or 6/10. The school/PTC will create a big banner for the front (saying "Goodbye & Good Luck" or something similar). 8th grade families will drive-in to the front parking lot, where 8th grade teachers will line up (socially distant) and clap them in. Students will have an option to take a pic with the banner. At this point, all plans are tentative.
 - Each 8th grader gets a t-shirt from Beaverton/Sunset, (possibly pom poms in school colors for those kids going on to private schools). All the high schools are making a comprehensive effort to connect with incoming freshmen to incorporate the same phrase, tagline on the t-shirts. T-shirts are estimated around \$5/each. With 340 8th graders, Shannon plans on using the honors breakfast money for t-shirts.
 - The costs to provide a yearbook to 8th graders who haven't purchased comes to \$500 (edit: post-meeting this total was revised to \$2500)
 - All students who don't attend will have items mailed to them.
- Signage for incoming 6th graders was suggested as a way to welcome 6th graders in the fall. With the governor's mandate of no large groups through September, the start to school holds a lot of unknowns. Dr. Anderson has been coordinating with the seven feeder elementary principals on how to connect with current fifth graders (similar to what all the high school principals are doing now for current 8th graders). Onboarding students this fall will have a different look and feel.
- The recent email from Superintendent Grotting informed parents of the budget woes compounded by COVID-19. Like Portland and Salem, Beaverton is most likely furloughing all employees (most-likely Fridays) until the end of June. This includes all administrators, IAs, janitors, secretaries, etc.
 - The teachers are voting through their union about whether teachers will participate.

- **Locker pick-up:** June 2-3: Info coming in next Cedar Reader, but students will pick up **by hallway and alphabetical**
- **Welcome to high school:** All high school principals are beginning a concentrated effort to connect with incoming students. Students will receive ongoing video messages from principals and current high school students (topics to vary), while small Zoom meetings with freshman teachers and incoming students are planned. Link crew (WEB for high school) will also be reaching out to 8th graders (example: Sunset has created an instagram account @apollosof2024 with mini-videos).
- All agreed that the staff video today was **AMAZING!!** Dr. Anderson shared that it was three weeks in the making (check your email or Cedar Park PTC facebook page if you haven't seen it).
- Dr. Anderson opened up to the group on more ways to connect with our community and incoming families. Ideas included a virtual principal coffee, perhaps a printed Q&A, or a virtual chat with 6th grade teachers (aimed for incoming 6th grade parents). Another popular idea was connecting current fifth grade teachers with sixth grade teachers so a 6th grade teacher could join a fifth grade zoom community meeting to answer questions.

OFFICER REPORTS

President, Bettina Jeszenszky

- 2020-21 Committee Lead Openings:
 - **Staff Appreciation:** once a month sign-up genius
 - **5K:** be open & flexible with this event as the fall holds a lot of unknowns
 - **Student Store:** big cart that is wheeled out into the hallway before school
 - **8th Grade Honors Breakfast:** coordinating with Cedar Park staff re: decor, food, etc.
 - **Family Fun Night Liaison:** this is a teacher-run event, (great for 6th grade and incoming families); help is needed to support Cedar Park staff and help brainstorm ideas/activities
 - **Art Lit co-lead:** need a third co-lead (second person to help Melissa during the lessons), ideally someone to take over the entire program in 2021-22, need presenters
 - Side note: This year's Art Lit team hasn't given up on the year. They are currently creating a video lesson of the last artist and will publish to Youtube. Humanities teachers will send it out.
 - ****Directors of Volunteers (co-chair) **Board position:** someone to join Jenna and learn the better impact software. Beginning of the school year and the end of the school year are the busiest times. Also requires attendance at PTC Board meetings & community meetings.

Secretary, Hannah Donohue

- **Staff Social Media Incentive:** All staff members who have sent in a picture and small description for the PTC to post on Facebook have entered a weekly raffle for a \$25 gift card to Powell's. Winners have included Ms. Parks, Mr. Murchison, Ms. Frisch, and Ms. Hitsman. This money has come from the Staff Appreciation budget.
- Additional Staff Appreciation/community-building ideas thrown out included having individually packaged cookies available for staff to take when they come in to clean out their classrooms.

Treasurer, Skye Kutansky

- **Year to Date Numbers (2019-20)**
 - Good news: Additional \$1300 in matching funds, meaning our income exceeds our 5K goal at \$56,500. We have only spent around \$39,000 this year, as some of our largest expenditures were scheduled for May/June. This puts us in a good position as next year's fundraising may be more challenging.
 - No large expenses this past month: some small teacher supply reimbursements.
 - 7th grade experience: down payment was made to Kingpins so Skye will follow-up to see if that can be returned or used as down-payment for next year.
 - Outdoor School: Chances of rescheduling unlikely (still hope from district & parents), but that funding comes from the state
 - Tina Meier-Nowell, an attendee and employee of Northwest Regional Education Service District, chimed in that NRESA is hoping to provide abbreviated sessions for all 6th AND 7th graders next year, but sanitation logistics and budget concerns are still being worked through.
 - A \$5000 down payment was made for a new front sign, still need \$3900 (taken from Dr. A's budget).
 - Some line items still with funds include the Teacher Supply (\$1800 left), Library upgrades (\$500 left) and Dr. A's School-Wide Discretionary (\$1200 left), and the Sound System.
- **2020-21 Budget Discussion**
 - This month, the PTC Board will hold a meeting to go through the budget line by line and review what worked and what needs changing. That budget will be voted on at our next virtual meeting on 6/8.
 - Bettina opened it up to the group, asking for thoughts on this year's budget. Comments included asking teachers about specific projects/items they need (such as this year's microscope purchase), additional money for Art elective, library tables with charging stations, lunch bunch support, and recess equipment.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Beaverton High School food boxes:** Beaverton HS is seeing an increasing need of requested food boxes each week. Principal Anne Erwin has been reaching out to local schools and communities to see who can help. The greatest need is fresh fruit and \$5-10 gift cards to Winco. Bettina will create some sort of sign-up genius for Cedar Park community members to sign-up for specific items, which will be included in the weekly Cedar Readers.
 - Concern was voiced that middle school only families (families without an elementary or high school student) may be getting lost in the mix. However, food boxes at Sunset & Beaverton are for all students in that attendance area.

ADJOURNMENT (7:49pm)

Join us for final PTC Meeting of the year: Monday, June 8th @ 6:30pm
Vote on next year's Board & budget!