

Fallon PFC Open Meeting: **September 14th, 2020**

Board Attendees:

President: Sobia Qureshi	Principal: Ken Rocha
Vice President: Susan Tang and Dr. Sherry Hu	Treasurer: Chanel Fang and Vijay Ratthinam
Director of enrichment: Mittal Ayachit and Priyanka Sharma	Director of communication: Barna De and Preeti Dharia
Director of Volunteers: Shazia Nomani	Secretary: Samriti Singh

Agenda

- I. **Call meeting to order - Sobia Qureshi - 6.07 p.m.**
- II. **Introduction** - Sobia introduced the board. We told the people who joined us for the PFC meeting that the meeting will be recorded and if they are uncomfortable then they may shut off their cameras. Once we told the folks that the meeting will be recorded then we turned on the cameras and during the meeting we kept updating the chat group that the meeting is being recorded and we also verbalized a couple of times out loud. We also stated that future meetings will be recorded and we will notify parents before the meeting when we are about to start the recording.
- III. **Principal - Ken Rocha**
 - Mr. Rocha has met with around 125 parents till now over zoom discussing various topics.
 - In Future Assistant principal and counselors will also take up questions on the zoom meetings
 - On Wednesday students can hear messages from administrators and counselors
 - Principal might have an event like Grab a lunch or have lunch with the principal (grade wise) in the coming weeks. More information will come up soon.
 - Principal wanted to request PFC for approving 2 programs for the school under the academic grant. Both the programs will be helpful during blended learning.
 - First is -Wevideo. Students and teachers will be able to create or co-create videos,screencast or make podcasts for the purpose of assessment or just

learning. Media student team will use it for monthly broadcast to students and also during advisory. Students and teachers will be given training. It is approx \$3000 one year.

- Second is -Kahoot. It is a game play kind of assessment. It can be One on one or in small groups. Kids love it. It will be approx 3000 for one year. \$ 6000 2 years.
- Sobia confirmed One year kahoot will be \$3456 and 2 year will be \$6430 (80 licenses)
- Shazia asked if we can use it when school opens up. Mr. Rocha said that teachers have been using it for a long time. It is used for assessment. More options we give teachers to assess, more informed their instructions will be during distance learning or even when school opens up.
- Priyanka mentioned that her son's teachers are still struggling to work on canvas. Will the teachers be able to take more technology? Mr.Rocha said yes they will be able to and they will be trained in the applications.
- Shazia also said that parents were told there will be one platform - Canvas but schools are using so many tools and this will be one of them. The marks in canvas and Infinite campus are not matching. Mr. Rocha said that the Union , management, technical team and teachers are all working to sync the grades. He also said that these (we video and Kahoot) are the software the teachers have been using and have already integrated in their curriculum.
- Sobia asked if there was a timeline to streamline information.? Mr. Rocha said it will be a continuous process. Integration is happening at district level by the technology department.
- Sushmita asked who was funding kahoot and other software before this year and also Grades are different in Canvas and INfinite campus so which one to trust. Mr. Rocha said that Campus teachers were trained in August. They have some challenges. Teachers are also giving feedback. It's a learning curve as its first official time submitted grades on canvas . The process will be streamlined soon by the district. He also said teachers bought these applications on their own But it will be cheaper to do a site licence so that every student can benefit from it. Mr. Rocha said he will bring in usage details for the parents soon.
- Susan was concerned about wevideo security issue. Mr. Rocha said Responsibility will be with the students and teachers will let them know about how and when they should be using it. It's going to be used for classroom purposes but media students will be able to take it for making podcasts too.
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IV. President - Sobia Qureshi

- Sobia makes a motion that we approve Wevideo for a one year contract in the amount of \$3000. Vijay second. All in favor- 26 absentain -1
- Sobia makes a motion to purchase Kahoot one year \$ 3456. Priyanka seconds it. Yes: 12

- Sobia makes a motion to purchase Kahoot two year \$ 6430 Priyanka seconds it. Yes: 9. Parents and board were thinking it should be used for one year first and if it works we can again vote next year or maybe a new software might come in next year that can be more beneficial.
- The board and parents approved to purchase Kahoot for a year.
- Mr. Rocha wanted to thank everyone for approving the Wevideo and Kahoot, and also said he will come back with a request for a padlet license soon.

V. Vice President/Fundraising - Dr Sherry Hu / Susan Tang

A. Fundraising ideas

- With the help of a parent Ruhi, the team was thinking of two ideas.
- One is Friendly competition for cooking. Every family can make a one minute video on their favorite recipe. We can have parents vote for the best recipe.
- Second is to have a bi weekly zoom meeting and parents can share how to bring kids to do cooking, how we can make the food healthy etc.(ideas welcomed).
- Third is to put a video cooking book or print a book that can be sold to the parents and it can be a nice memory and tradition for Fallon going forward.
- Sobia had asked the VP to think of a timeline (when to start, when to put it on FB, where the videos can be shared, rules, information)
- Parents liked the idea but said we should not do fundraisers this year.Board agreed to that.
- Also parents suggested a drawing or art competition next month.
- Parents also suggested we can do this every month with different themes so that every student can showcase their talent.

VI. Treasurer - Chanel Fang / Vijay Ratthinam

A. Budget update

- Donation is now \$ 56386. (\$1000 more than last month.).Expenses were \$1802.
- Chanel makes the motion to increase the technology budget line item 61700 to \$200 more for purchase of zoom account. Sobia second it. 11 yes 5 absentained.
- Sobia makes a motion to add a new line item for auditing for use of external audit for \$3000 . Priyanka second it. 11 yes 5 absentained.

VII. Communication - Barna / Preeti

A. Nothing to share

VIII. Secretary -Riti

A. Approval of minutes - August 17th

- Sobia makes the motion to pass minutes from the meeting in August. Priyanka seconds it. 11 yes 5 absentained.

IX. Director of Volunteers - Shazia -

- Nothing to share but appreciates the work of Mr. Rocha for constant communication to the community.

X. Enrichment - Priyanka/ Mittal.

Presentation of all Enrichment programs offered this year

- A. Coding- Kaif YCW- He is a junior in DHS and Bushra will be the adult supervisor for this program. They will hold classes on a trimester basis to teach new languages like python, html and Java. The students will pick their classes on October 1st. The classes will be on Thursday 3-4.15 p.m. till the second week of December. They will take part in competitions during the trimester and that's where they will be using the funding. They will be taking 25 students and other students on the waitlist will be given preference next trimester.
- B. Scrabble- Yudit - He is a freshman and has been doing scrabble for the past 3 years. His father Anil will be the adult supervisor for this program. They have around 21 students already enrolled for the same. The classes will be on Friday after school. They want to bring more students to the national level and compete there. The classes will start with 15- 20 minutes of lessons that will cover strategies and quizzes. Then the students will be playing games. Mr Rochas asked him about data privacy rights for students to enroll in games. He has asked him to coordinate with the technology team of the district.
- C. Hip Hop- Ashyman Deb. He is an 8th grader in Fallon and his mother will be the adult supervisor of this club. With this club, he will be able to teach dance and students will learn about body language, physical activity and mental fitness. The classes will be Friday 5-6 p.m. after school. There will be different themes for each month. 3 weeks of choreo and one week where kids can perform. Semi showcase over on zoom for parents.
- D. Math count program-Siu Hansang. This program has been there for the past 5 years in Fallon. Fallon came 7th among 21 teams last year. Math count encourages students to excel in math and make students learn more from activities and also learn to Collaborate and work in a team. They have 66 students who have registered. They will be taking 20 students based on placement tests. When asked about any activity in math that doesn't have waitlisting. Priyanka said that Preeti might look into math kangaroo soon.
- E. Healthy eating for tweens and teens- Ramya. This club will Empower kids by educating them to make good choices. She will be giving them Knowledge in a fun and education way -Evidence based science. The club will Cover Reading and understanding labels, nutrition science, macronutrients, micronutrients, new recipes every week to make it for the family etc. The students will also be maintaining food journals. They have 16 signs ups. It will be a 6 week series and she might offer it again in Jan. She has not decided on the day yet.
- F. Coding- Francis. This program will teach HTML, CCS, Java. It is a 12 week program. And then the students will do a project. As of now ,33 students have signed up and she can take only 10 students. (3 from 6, 3 from 7 and 4 in 8).Francis will talk to Priyanka later to increase the students to at least 15.
- G. Math Olympiad- Anu and Priyanka . This program is for kids who enjoy math and want more challenge. The tests will be every 2nd Wednesday (first will be in

November). 65 students have shown interest and they will do a placement test to take 35 students. Placement test might happen online or in school. Mr. Rocha said to coordinate with them in case they are using school facilities.

- H. Chess- Sushmita. This is the longest and largest running enrichment program in Fallon. 90 kids enrolled last year. They have 5 classes based on skill level. Every Thursday they will have 30 mins of instruction and then 4 games. They are promoted during the classes based on games. Its a social and community based club. Coaches were able to provide coaches seamlessly during covid too. Last Saturday they had a tournament with 156 Dublin students who played 6 games. The chess club goes and competes in different competitions and brings laurels to Fallon. They will have 20 students or less per class. (5 classes). They are looking for 6th grade volunteers to help the chess club.
- I. Science Olympiad . It's their second year running. They will be going in for 3 tournaments and Mini SO- competition. 25 students will be running programs from their homes only. They have a lot of students who have enrolled. They will conduct an evaluation/ test to shortlist 25 students .The team had won awards last year.
- J. Spanish -Kaylene will be leading the program. Her mother will be the adult supervisor. She has decided to take 2 sessions 14 weeks each 20 -22 kids per session. First session from October to December. This is the first year of this program.

Sobia thanked all the leads for their time and effort.

Sui asked if the zoom can be used by the enrichment program too. Priyanks suggested that each enrichment program should have their own zoom and one should not share the zoom.

XI. New Business & District Committee updates

- Sui Asked if the chat window can be closed while the teachers are teaching. Principal said there is a technical feature to shut the chat. Teachers are providing directions sometimes on chat . He said if there is a specific teacher /concern then to email him or the teacher for feedback on chat.
- Astronomy night will be virtual this year. She asked for a date preference. SObia asked her to get more information and get back to the board at the next meeting. Mr. Rocha also suggested an app called skyview lite to see the stars.
- Barna suggested to have a Kahoot can be a community event.
- Sherry suggested giving a Thank you gift card for thanksgiving to the teachers. Barna suggested doing a wevideo message instead by the students.

XII. Public Forum

XIII. Meeting adjourned 8.02 p.m.