

Fallon PFC Open Meeting: **October 12th, 2020**

Board Attendees:

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

Agenda

- I. Call meeting to order - Sobia Qureshi - 6.06 p.m.**
- II. Introduction -**
 - Sobia told the community that going forward our zoom calls will be recorded to insure better minutes. We will be asking the community to switch ON the camera for attendance in the beginning.
 - Introduction of the board.
- III. PEAC**
 - Diksha and Alysia were representing Peer education and counselling (8th grade electives) which strives to educate the students about physiological and emotional well being.
 - First project of PEAC is tobacco use and prevention education, which is a program run outside of Fallon to educate the people about alcohol and drug use. PEAC attends this training for 3 weeks (3 day). PEAC is coordinating with Mr. Levin to come up with red ribbon week with this theme.
 - Mr. Levin suggested an art competition where students will create an art (can be video, poem,art or presentation), going with the theme of red ribbon that says to be happy, be brave and drug free and submit it by Nov 29th and there will be prizes to give away during this time. PEAC was asking PFC if they could suggest some judges.
 - 6th grade parent video is the second project. The PEAC team gathered some ideas that parents should know about incoming 6th graders transitioning and

sharing of the 8th grade students experiences. They will be making a video and will be shared with the community.

- PEAC has a podcast where in they interview people including our principal and talk about how people are coping with distance learning. Podcasts are available on the Fallon website. This is another project PEAC is doing this year.
- 8th graders also shared that while they were interviewing 8th grade students, they found they are more stressful and students are feeling drained sitting by the computer the whole time. It was an observation they wanted to share.

IV. Principal - Ken Rocha

- The students/ teachers completed the first quarter of distance learning and if anyone has any questions on grades or assignment, they should talk to the teacher first.
- Mr. Rocha came with the proposal for PADLET that the teachers have been using and wanted PFC to purchase the license for the school.
- PADLET is a way to communicate with each other. It's like stickys or graphics organizers and teachers use for assessment. It has been used by students in different ways- to write ideas, book recommendations and book reports. Riti also shared her screen to show parents what Padlet looks like.
- Mr. Rocha finished with the first community session and met with around 160 families. The next session will be with counsellors and will begin soon.
- When asked about grades not being uploaded for the quarter and it varies from different sites, Mr. Rocha said our teachers will be uploading the grades on infinite campus and if any parents find a discrepancy, they should contact the teachers first.
- Shazia gave a shout out to Nicole Myers. She checks in with students in the morning about feelings and if a student is not feeling too great, she messages them separately. This was something this teacher went over and beyond with.
- Shazia wanted to bring to the notice that some students are not showing their faces on zoom in Fallon. But Mr. Rocha commented that he has not witnessed this many absentees. But will share with the admin the concern.
- Parents applauded Mr. Rocha on the drive through pickup and said it was the easiest one ever.

V. President - Sobia Qureshi

- Sobia made a motion for the contract of one year subscription to Padlet for all students and teachers in the amount of \$1200 for the year of 2020-21. Shazia second. All in favor- 13. (total of 15 present including Mr. Rocha and Gabi)
- Superintendent meeting briefly talked about the opening of school and next will be a town hall meeting to get feedback from the community.
- Sobia mentioned that we will be voting in an amendment to 9.3 under audit by-laws.

- Sobia shared that PFC has few community events and the only goal of these community events is to bring family community nights to Fallon school. She said that In the past we have done dine outs like other schools and next week we are having a dine out but as a PFC board we will do the dine out but we will not take any percentage back from the vendor. We wanted to have a fun family dine out. We will eat from the same restaurant. This month is at Tandoori pizza and we want Fallon parents to eat and post pictures. There is no other thoughts or connection or conflict of interest or political agenda behind this. We worked with this vendor as it went with our dates and was close by. It is a PFC initiated event so we posted it on the PFC page as we always post our events on that page.
- Parent said it sets a bad precedent if there is no fundraiser involved in the dine and donate. She said that if we let one vendor in without taking the money, how will we close this door for other vendors. Why can't we say pizza night (make it little broad) and one can eat from anywhere but why a particular vendor and we are not taking money from them. And also information is overloaded to parents about vendors when they don't need to know so much . They might stop reading newsletter or go to FB page as there is so much irrelevant information
- Sobia said that dine and donate is only for this year (without any percentage back) and also parents had suggested in the past meeting that there should be no fundraiser. This vendor was ready for the date we wanted a fun family event so we went ahead. PFC is a page that has always been used to put PFC information. And any event that benefits the community goes on the PFC page as well. We will be getting back to the parents who said that they want to make a directory as it's a fantastic idea and we should go for it.
- Preeti is saying parents are commenting that it was a nice gesture by PFC to do this event.
- Shazia thanked the parents for the idea and said we as the PFC board are trying to bring the community together. Dine outs are common and these restaurants have always done it with Fallon and other schools. We are always going to have dine and donate but during covid we don't want to take money back.
- Vijay said we didn't do anything new but we should continue doing dine and donate.
- Barna thanked the parents for the idea and by our bylaws we have to do 3 community nights but during covid time this was one way to bring the community together and post pictures.
- The Parent suggested that no one would like to use the returned PE package during covid to be used by someone else next year. It will be a lot of work to disinfect it. So parents asked if the PFC can support this PE package? Mr.Rocha is going to talk about a few questions with the district. Mr. Rocha said he will have additional conversation with other principals and get back on PE package.
- Parents suggested if we can go in inverse order when it comes to drive through. Mr. Rocha said we will think of it in future.

- Not all students get the Thermometer. It was a donation from the rotary club. Fallon has asked for more donations.
- The Parents suggested that the jump rope is really short. Mr. Rocha said they will look into the suggestions.

VI. Vice President/Fundraising - Sherry Hu

- We are having a cooking event to unite everyone. One has to make a 90 second video and send the recipe in pdf form and all students are welcomed. We might make a recipe book (digital one) . If this is successful then we can do it every year
- We have 10 families participating and award night will be next week. We need more participants.
- A special thank to Ruhi who bought this idea and helped in making this event a big success.
- We want to do different events next month like Christmas, talent shows, thanksgiving , art competition. We would want more ideas for community building.
- Barna suggested that November 13th is world kindness day and we can have events like an art showcase based on that theme. Barna will send more details over email to the vice president.
- Parents suggested that the flyers of these community events should be sent to the teachers so that they can show the same to the students on advisory day and also for voting on the videos can be shared on Wednesday with the students. Mr. Rocha said we will be able to do that and we can do that over on canvas as well.

VII. Treasurer - Chanel Fang / Vijay Ratthinam

- A. Budget update
- Donation is now \$ 56940. (\$500 more than last month.)
 - Company match was \$1570. We are expecting more.
 - Expenses we have on our PFC website , insurance, zoom meeting, Wevideo , teachers expenses, masks and minder binder.
 - Vijay said we filed our taxes for last year
 - We will be making an amendment in the next meeting for by-law 9.3. Currently in our audit we have an audit committee doing our internal audit every year and external audit as well. We as a PFC board feel it's too much of a hassle and more than what we need as every board meeting we share our financials and we are open to all the questions related to finances. Transparency is at the highest level. We want to make an amendment such that the external auditing will be performed once in three years. Our books are open and also we have a professional person doing the tax and external audit is expensive, so we want to make this amendment.
 - The revised version will be like this - Section 9.3 Audit The treasurer will present a financial report every month during the board meeting. Board members are

available to any questions from the parents and will be able to provide materials necessary to facilitate the discussion/ questions. External audit will take place once in three years and the schedule to be determined by the board and a designated CPA shall be chosen by the board.

- If no one will have questions we will be voting on this next open meeting.

VIII. Communication - Barna / Preeti

- A.** Nothing to share

IX. Secretary -Riti

- A.** Approval of minutes - September

- Riti makes the motion to pass minutes from the meeting in September with the change in the name of the lead for math count and the change in name of a parent in the new business. Vijay seconds it. 11 yes 1 absentated.

X. Director of Volunteers - Shazia -

- Nothing to share. Just requested the parents to fill the volunteer clearance form.

XI. Enrichment - Priyanka/ Mittal.

- Most of the programs have kicked off except for science olympiad and Scrabble.
- Scrabble took care of the technology part as suggested last meeting.
- Chess has taken in 80 students and offered the program as non waitlisted.
- When asked if students can learn chess on their own? One of the coaches has started a non profit chess club and is open for all students from other schools as well and kids can learn from chess.com too.
- Shazia appreciated that the chess club is doing well and it's great to branch it out. She and Sobia suggested that they can forward the flyers / articles to other PFC so that other school students can participate in the non profit chess club.

XII. New Business & District Committee updates

- Gabi came in to discuss the magnet and enrichment program
- There was a discussion about whether other schools might get upset based on the magnet program. Shazia-Gave two examples-Fallon had enrichment and Wells had a band.
- Ganesan-CC-K-8/K-5.He believes that if they stay K-8 they will have disadvantages. Magnet programs might create some tension.
- Ken-stay one Dublin. Steve Young...Competition with yourself not with each other
- Defining a magnet school.Or a magnet program.
- Sobia-parents want smaller campus/more teacher time/and if they got all the facilities things would be better. Sobia said Language is something missing in Fallon.
- Sushmita-maybe we can see more science immersion for Fallon.
- Ken suggested CC parents can discuss what magnet school versus magnet program to get a better idea.

XIII. Meeting adjourned at 7.47 p.m.