

Churchill Jr. High PTSA Meeting
April 8, 2020 @ 2:00 PM

Zoom Virtual Meeting - Attendees: Allison Armstrong, Jen Treadway, Shannon Fischio, Charlie Peterson, Mark Miller, Kim Roberts, Frans Vinberg, Sonja Blodgett, Heidi Hall, Trent Hendricks, Joanna Dickson

Welcome and introductions

Allison Armstrong

- **Treasurer Report-**

Jen Treadway

Reviewed the current budget. The largest unplanned expense this year was for Ms. Wagner's retirement party. The PTSA would like to consider doing an online fundraiser this year; however, also want to be cognizant of financial burdens facing families during the pandemic. Instead of giving a gift to the school this year, the PTSA may consider Ms. Wagner's party as the gift. Several of the end-of-year expenses may be less than budgeted or canceled due to the temporary school soft closure. Will reevaluate once it is determined if the school will reopen anytime this school year.

- **Secretary Report (Meeting Minutes) -**

Kim Roberts

The March meeting minutes were distributed via email. Jen Treadway made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mark Miller second. March minutes approved.

- **Vote on Slate-** Please vote online

Presented by the Churchill Nominating Committee -Becky Bowen, Jennie Robinson, Meghan Castleton, Sonja Blodgett (Thank you!)

2020-2021 Slate:

Pres. - Lorraine Larson

Pres. Elect -

Secretary - Kimberly Roberts

Treasurer - Jennifer Treadway

Legislative VP - Mark Miller

Leadership VP - Allison Armstrong

Membership VP - Shannon Fischio

- **Community Council Update -**

Shannon Fischio

The next Community Council will be held virtually next week. All parents are invited to join. The focus will be on connecting and supporting parents during the school temporary closure.

- **Legislative Update**

Mark Miller

Currently, the PTA is evaluating which legislative recommendations to make next year. Full letters from the State and National PTA are on the Churchill PTSA website - <https://churchilljrhighptsa.weebly.com/>

- **Principal's Update**

Trent Hendricks / Charlie Peterson

The administration asked for feedback regarding virtual learning - They do not want students and families to be overwhelmed. The administration's message to teachers is to keep the information **consistent, clear, and concise**. The district expectation is 90 minutes per class per week, which translates into approximately three hours per day of online coursework. Churchill will be sending out additional guidance soon along with a calendar for managing different classes. The format of the weekly email is changing - the summary of classroom learning will be eliminated and instead, the focus will be on the learning expectations for the week. The counseling office is monitoring and reaching out to students with little or no online school activity. No standardized or benchmark testing will take place this year.

Parent Feedback on Virtual Learning: Consider using pre-recorded video lessons from teachers and/or online interactive lessons once a week, limit the use of different platforms, keep all assignments in a consistent location, provide one location for parents and students to keep track of all assignments that are due and that have been submitted, and limit the workload.

- **President's Report**

Allison Armstrong

- **Directories- still available online**

- **Virtual Teacher Appreciation** - Discussed several options to show thanks to teachers -- posters, gift cards, video vignettes, emails, selfies from students. The teachers really thrive on receiving positive feedback from parents and students. Allison is asking all those in attendance to take a picture or video of their student(s) and email to Trent Hendricks at thendricks@graniteschools.org and Allison at churhilljrhighpts@gmail.com. Mr. Hendricks will then send an email to all the students with a sample asking them to submit a thank-you message for the teachers. Sonja Blodgett volunteered to compile all of the submissions into a video that can be used to thank all the teachers and staff.
- **Book Fair** - Should the PTSA consider doing the book fair online?
- **Fundraiser** - Movie online? Discussed limiting fundraisers this year due to the high rate of unemployment and financial burden due to the coronavirus pandemic.