

## **BFA General Meeting (via Zoom)**

**November 2020**

**\*Approved 12/15/20\*\***

**Members present:** Jennifer Khan, Katie Wyzukovicz, Karen Semler, Megan Huber, Amy Weaver, Maria Childs, Jenn Surber, Candace Kehoe, Jason Cohen, Mirna Rinaldi, Paola Delgado

Jennifer Khan called the meeting to order at 7:05

***Principal: Dr. Kehoe***

### ***School Update***

- Strong transition week 11/9th of welcoming kids back to Butterfield. A lot of changes as well to those moving to virtual and some minor classroom changes.
- Everyone did a great job following protocol - kids have been amazing about wearing masks, hand sanitizing, staying six feet apart, following bathroom protocol.
- In person students have also adjusted to what it means now to be in the school. Classes range from 9-12 students.
- Arrival and Dismissal took about 10-15 minutes in prior years, we are now returning to the same numbers. Transporting by bus is an option and there is room if parents need this. Busses are being capped at 30.
- There are a few challenges: the response to symptoms has been hard and is putting a strain on some families. If a child shows one symptom they must quarantine. They cannot come back to school unless they see their doctor and they diagnose them with a different ailment OR you take a test OR quarantine for 14 days and then have proof of a negative test.
  - In prior years; students may take a “break” by heading to the nurses office with an upset tummy etc. - we cannot do this as if they state any COVID symptoms they are sent home.
  - Parents need to review the exclusion guidelines - we are using the state of Illinois decisions to guide our decisions.
- Teacher or substitute shortages is a reality; our sub pool has decreased quite a bit.
- Parents are concerned with the new schedule and the time allotted with teachers compared to the original eschool schedule. Even though they are receiving the same amount of “face time” it feels different when it is chunked together.
- Self certification proved to be a challenge last week with the technical difficulties.
- Additional students have now requested to be remote prior to the original survey. For example: 8 students have been changed to remote learning since last Friday by personal request. This causes disruption in the classroom and could have a long term impact on classroom assignments.
- The school has been working with lake county “tracers” via Lake County Health

Department and while there have been 3 cases; there is no evidence it is being spread within the Butterfield community at school.

- There are currently 417 students enrolled; this has decreased since the beginning of the year. Additional 15 early childhood; Additional 11 SEDOL students
  - 320 students in person (approximate)
  - 75 virtually (approximate)
  - 30 students in the e-center (approximate) morning and afternoon
- 320 students signed up for Picture Day - a few people did not show up, a few showed up that never signed up etc. There will be a make-up date but easily 6-8 weeks out. Parents have asked if they can submit a picture - yes you can submit a photo (non professional) for the yearbook, but their photo can not be in the class composite because the company cannot photoshop personal pictures. Due to class assignments changing - she is proposing doing a grade level composite versus a classroom composite.
- End of the trimester was yesterday; report cards will be available 11/23
- School Board meeting 11/23

***Teacher Update: Tanya Surdick***

- N/A

***Committee Chair Reports***

- Spiritwear: Sale is currently in process with Sports 11

***Treasurers: Amy Weaver/Karen Semler***

***Budget Update***

- Budget Update
  - New budget entry “gifts to children” is for the Boo bags; we did have parents contribute
- Dine & Share
  - Chipotle brought in \$225.69
- Amazon Smiles donation \$15

***2nd VP: Megan Huber***

***FAD 70 Update***

- Last meeting was November 5th and most of the discussion was directed towards going back to school.
- Discussion around math and new curriculum for K-5. They are reviewing six different math curriculums for 2021/2022 school year.
- Robin Kollman (Communications Director) - new website was to have rolled out but is

currently delayed due to the current situation.

- Minor construction projects to adjust for the needed mitigations

***President: Jennifer Khan***

*October Meeting Minutes approved 7:32 pm 11/17/20*

***Reopening Committee Update***

- No updates as of now; will continue to keep this as a placeholder on the agenda as changes arise.

***Lou Malnati Dine & Share (December 3)***

***Next Meeting 12/15***

- Meeting will be held at 9am

***1st VP: Katie Wyzokvicz***

***Teacher Appreciation***

- Provided dinner to the staff the night of conferences from Sunset Foods & Catering
- Provided apples and chocolate covered pretzels to all of the staff.
- Last year we were able to do a coffee cart for the teachers. Could we work with a local restaurant for a breakfast for the teachers/staff that was individually wrapped? More details to come.

***Secretary: Jenn Surber***

- Minutes will be updated online for Butterfield families to access

***Communications Director: Maria Childs***

***Butterflier***

- It will be published in early December

***Questions to Dr. Kehoe***

- ***Due to new state mitigations are there any impacts on the schools?***
  - *Tier 3 Mitigations go into effect on Friday of this week.*
  - *School is still exempt but Lake County is recommending remote. So far all*

*decisions are being made by the individual school boards.*

- ***Any direction from the local hospitals on our decisions?***
  - *Not that we are aware of.*
- ***Other area schools are taking a break between the holidays - has this been discussed?***
  - *No formal discussions; general dialogue*

Jennifer Khan adjourned the meeting at 7:51pm.

Next meeting is December 15th at 9am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenn Surber  
BFA Secretary