

## JPC Meeting 2/11/2021

### Finance Report:

- The cash drive is technically over, but donations will still be gladly accepted
- Received \$177 for student council we will hold on to
- +\$879.29 from Original Works. We were expecting ~1200.
- -\$90 for Massage gift certificate for teacher prize per E. Hilliard.
- Upcoming expenses
  - Spring PTC meals
  - Student appreciation trinkets/ideas

### Update from Lona

- Phase 2 changes
  - The Principals didn't have any idea what Dr Ream, or the board, were planning
  - The plan, as it regards 'Best Practices', is shifting a lot right now.
  - Lona will do her best to give us all the most up-to-date info possible.
  - The survey that Lona requested we complete was not written by her. It was a little confusing and she is working on clearing up that confusion.
  - Breakfasts are free and more students will partake as the weather warms. They are taking extra precautions and will move the students through the cafeteria in shifts as needed.
  - When good weather comes, they will begin eating lunches outside.
  - Going back and forth from DLI to in person is really hard on kids. Lona will allow a change, but doesn't want people to flip back and forth.
  - Teachers are in the 1C vaccination group.
  - The Phase Up is a bit overwhelming for the teachers/staff. The goal through this is to support and take care of the staff.
- Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on 3/17 and 3/24 through Teams.
- Q & A's
  - Do you have enough staff for when you are returned to a 4 days a week?
    - Lona has requested 2 additional paras and that should be sufficient
  - Will you be able to spread out the classrooms more to put more space between the children?
    - There isn't enough space to do that. The guidance is to put multiple barriers in place. The first barrier is the mask, the second will be a plexi-glass barrier between students. The third is the "pod". This will look a little different in each classroom based on its individual setup. Some teachers will also have a plexi-glass shield around their desks. All plans are being run through the school nurse. The hours of the school day will remain the same (8:45 to 2:20); this allows teachers to work remotely with quarantined kids before and after school. Lona understands that a lot of people will have questions, and she is trying to be very proactive and reaching out.
  - What will be considered a pod?
    - Either 2 students, or 4 students at a table, and family groups. There will still be zones set up outside. CDC guidelines recommend 3 foot separation with masks, so you won't be seeing 6 foot gaps between students. We will be keeping

children in their cohorts and, if we can keep them in their “spot”, this will help reduce any spread that may occur. They will be some DLI kids returning. We will maintain the Wednesday full-class meetings.

- How are the teachers - positive, overwhelmed, anxious?
  - Anxious. Everything is different and changing again. They feel tremendous responsibility to keep kids safe and healthy. No one felt prepared for Phase 2, especially for that fast of a turn around. Teachers did feel a little better after they had a meeting and spoke about how some of the logistical challenges would be overcome.
- Have there been a lot of families wanting to drop DLI or switch to it?
  - Not a lot of families are switching. Some families think all the precautions are silly, but they have been very respectful of the safety directives. Everyone is eager for a return to a normal school year in the fall. There is a lot of Covid apathy, people are tired of it.
- Lewis & Clark County still requires a mask in public.
- An item for discussion - after this pandemic resolves, should sick students wear a mask?
- Is there enough ventilation?
  - Yes. An engineer was brought in and checked all of the schools. In even the oldest buildings, the air is turned over 4 times per hour. In addition to that, additional air purifiers are being purchased, as well as fans, and the windows will be open.
- There are sufficient supplies of hand sanitizer and PPE.
- The Para group is meeting on their own to find ways to support the teachers and kids. They are unsung heroes. They are always looking for ways to help/assist and get through each day in the best way possible.
- Are you prepared for children feeling anxious or overwhelmed?
  - Yes. The school nurse and counselor are prepared for these scenarios.

### Other news

- Meghan wrote a thank you note to Robert Worthy
- The web store will be open again in the spring
- AED's
  - Haven't heard back from them yet.
  - Another grant has become available and she will apply
  - Randall is thinking about getting it in the budget
  - AED's have a long life
  - The Rotary club may help by fundraising for it. They thought it was a good cause.
- Emily Hilliard reached out to us. She would like help funding a prize for self-care bingo.
  - Gift certificate for a massage
- PAC
  - Ventilation was surveyed at all schools by a mechanical engineer. The air is turned over 4 times per hour.
  - iReady - pleasantly surprised for K-8, growth at or above grade level. The next diagnostic test will be the 2nd week of March. This is becoming a very good tool for us, especially as teachers grow in proficiency.
  - Superintendent search; offers will be made to the finalists by 2/19

Next meeting will be 3/11/2021