

Belle Aire PTA Meeting via Zoom

November 10, 2020 at 3pm

- I. Welcome/Call to order 3:05pm Nicole Smith
- II. Review mtg minutes from Sept 15, 2020. Carrie B. motions to approve. Melinda T. seconds. 0 nos.
- III. Principal's Report Brent Borchelt
  - a. Thanks for T-shirts, had staff spirit day last Friday and will keep wearing them regardless of whatever learning platform we're using throughout the year.
  - b. Finish this week in hybrid and then switching to remote beginning Nov 16. Your child's schedule will remain the same as far as specials, am/pm with same homeroom teacher. Next announcement will come on Nov 23 to determine if we are returning to hybrid on Nov 30 or staying remote longer than 2 weeks.
  - c. Thanks parents for staying in good contact with school and being honest/responsible about covid symptoms/exposure. While waiting for a test result, work with homeroom teacher as a typical absence for a few days. If extended covid/quarantine absence required, there's an option to join a remote classroom w/in district if not available at our school. It may take a few days to sync lessons even though grade level planning is done across the district. Teachers are being transparent as well.
  - d. The reason for going back to remote is because the educational impact of covid is too great. BA is doing better than other schools in our district, but as of today DG58 has 200 kids and 39 staff out. There are not enough subs causing resource teachers to be pulled to cover classrooms.
  - e. Q: What happens if student doesn't have self-certification completed upon arrival? Teacher sends student to front entrance, Brent radios office, secretary calls parent to confirm no symptoms, staff does temp check and sends child into their class. If office can't get in touch with a parent, staff stays outside with child for about 5 minutes, and if longer, they go inside to wait in art/music room, which is used as our quarantine space. If a child becomes symptomatic during the school day, they are sent to this room to wait for pickup by a parent/guardian. Self-cert is a live document that updates instantly.
- IV. President's Report Nicole Smith
  - a. Thanks teachers for everything this year. Glad to see them in spirit T-shirts. Bulldog masks are on order for students.
  - b. Thanks for supporting restaurant nights, Bday banner, Charleston wrap fundraisers.
  - c. Thanks Dana Cox for role as head room parent.
  - d. Q: Any wish list items for teachers that pta can help provide? Miss Woo would like crayon boxes for kindergarteners to store their math manipulatives.
- V. Treasurer's Report Nicole Smith for Lauren Alvarez
  - a. Updated budget posted on website. \$20,767.05 checking, \$15,000.59 savings. Insurance, state dues, member hub are all paid. Lauren is submitting taxes.
  - b. \$500 DGN scholarship was returned to sender last year, Carrie B. will try to locate student.
  - c. Send any reimbursement requests to Treasurer.
- VI. VP Committees Melinda Therriault
  - a. Need 1 room parent for each class. Heun, Steiner & Lauer still need a parent. Dana sent another email to those classes today looking for volunteers.

- b. Nov 6-Dec 4 Reading with Rusty program, Chicago Steel hockey team will read to participating students virtually on Dec 9.
  - c. Holiday Tea will be revised this year. Andrea Petrino is organizing some kind of tea/coffee drop-off supporting local vendors to show staff appreciation.
  - d. Q: How do we reach BA remote families that have a teacher at another DG58 school? Brent said they are still part of BA email blast.
  - e. Yearbook update from Andria Curtis: Normally, contract 175 books at \$13/book, but this year the pricing/page numbers look different. She needs pta president to sign a contract; Jostens has a lot of creative ideas and is being very flexible. Typically each classroom has a yearbook parent representative, perhaps the room parents can take this on since they have fewer duties this year. Check "do not photo" list for permission. Miss Erickson said to let teachers know of specific photo requests since parents aren't allowed in the building this year.
  - f. Assemblies update from Carrie B: Please let her know if you come across any interesting virtual assemblies. She is searching for something that would engage the kids. Mrs. Fulton said she would report back from her children's school where Matt Wilhelm, the BMX star, is a parent.
- VII. VP Membership Carrie Blonigen
- a. We currently have 127 members including 11 teachers and 79 families. 41% of BA families are members, hoping to get to 50-60% range. We are a smaller school so we typically have a lot of involvement, but the loss of fun lunch has caused a dip.
- VIII. VP Fundraising Lauren Evans & Shannon Villanueva
- a. Working on a spring golf outing, open to any other fundraising suggestions, thanks for supporting restaurant nights. We have Culvers tonight, Panera & Portillo's are coming up. Fundraising totals so far: Mini Golf \$60, Gatto's \$200, DG Ladies Night Out \$123, Charleston Wrap (open until Dec 7) \$292, McDonalds \$255.
  - b. Birthday banner is a success. Email Lauren if you'd like to reserve it for 24 hrs. So far we have had 21 rentals at \$20 each.
  - c. Trivia Night will be a virtual event in February. Carrie B. is looking at a school in Elmhurst that did a successful virtual trivia night. Andria Curtis mentioned Baig of Tricks Music Bingo as a fun alternative that can be done well virtually.
- IX. Open Discussion
- a. Q: Are we collecting for holiday gift for teachers? Melinda T. will check with Kelli J.
  - b. Q: Will teachers be teaching from school or from home? Brent said the union is allowing a teacher to teach from home if quarantining. If state goes into stay-at-home order, the building will be vacated; otherwise staff will remain in building.
  - c. Q: How will students get materials for remote learning? Teachers are preparing materials to send home with hybrid students by Friday.
  - d. Q: When is next MAP test? January
  - e. Please designate Belle Aire on Amazon Smile, you can also do it from app now.
  - f. Erin Doty put together a wonderful video honoring DG58 Veterans.  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Dh23Y6D5Jl0lbQVzD7q9GHwhTKNsbyS/view?ts=5fa97f70>
  - g. Next pta mtg via Zoom on January 12, 2021 at 7pm.
- X. Adjournment Nicole Smith
- a. Carrie B. motions to adjourn, Andria C. seconds. Meeting adjourned at 4:09pm.