

Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2020
Mariemont Junior High PTO

Welcome & Introduction – Leslie Willett

- In attendance: Rob Polca, Amy Skinner, April Stimson, Ann MacRae, Kristin Wolujewicz, Steve Estopp, Melissa Herbst

Principal's Report – Rob Polca

- Q1 Student Celebration was a great success.
- Meals provided for teacher conferences was very helpful and appreciated. Teachers felt valued and supported during this unusual time.
- Student safety has been going well. Transition to one-way traffic in hallways to minimize face to face encounters has been adopted and extended lunch times have proven helpful in allowing students time to sanitize, eat, and sanitize again before heading back to class.
- Discussion is still underway regarding use of lockers in 2nd semester to relieve the burden of having to carry full packs all day.

Counselor's Report – Amy Skinner

- Student focus has been on finding positivity in daily life.
- 7th Graders have been focusing their attention on gratitude journals.
- 8th Graders have been focusing their attention on showing appreciation someone in their lives.

Superintendent Report – Steve Estopp

COVID School Update

- Classroom protocols have been functioning as intended.
- 11 Student reported Covid cases at the Junior High since beginning of School.
- 2 Staff Covid cases
- 30 quarantine due to positive case or close contact.
- Minimal in-school spread
- Ohio Health deems schools and hospitals are currently the safest places to be right now.

Current COVID Concerns

- Quarantines protocols are currently the greatest concern. Current 14 day quarantine protocols are placing pressure on staffing (not enough staff to keep the building running) as well as students and potential greater need for online classes. Our greatest concerns are Student Safety and Academic Continuity.

Treasurer Report – Kristin Wolujewicz

- see Budget spreadsheet
- PTO has designated some funds to support 2 families in the district so far this year. We expect there may be others as we continue through this difficult time.

PTO Report – Leslie Willett

- Victory Celebration – packs of gum and balloons for the students and coffee bar for the staff to kick off this small but fun event to show support for our MJH staff & students.
- Conference Dinners: will be catered this year to minimize any possibility of community spread. Three nights: Ann’s Catering, Potbelly Sandwiches and desserts & coffee by Kate Hudson.

Miscellaneous

- Teacher Appreciation week: 4 days in December
- Cater food for teachers to minimize any possibility of community spread.
- Looking into an end of semester celebration in January. Details TBD

Next PTO Meeting: February 11, 2021 ZOOM