

**PTG Meeting via Zoom
May 11, 2021**

In Attendance:

PTG Board: Lynette Simmons, Carol Kessler, Anne Steels, Dianne Breitstone, Tami Stark, Tara Vaccaro

BOE: Ingrid Wright, Amelia Brogan, Tara Belfi

Administration: Mr. Fenter, James Stucchio, Dr. James Bolen

Meeting commenced at 9:32 a.m.

President's Report: Congratulations to all the seniors. Thank you to everyone who has helped get things back to normal.

Tami Stark approves minutes, Tara Vaccaro seconds.

PTG Board member nominations - turned over to Tami Stark as Chair of the Nominating Committee.

Tami: thank you Lynette for staying on as President, Anne Steeles will stay on as Treasurer, Carol Kessler as Secretary, thank you Dianne for remaining as membership, Alex Whelehan is the new Communications Chair, and Lisa Smith will now be Committee Chair.

Would anyone want to add a nomination at this time? No responses. Motion by Tami Stark to confirm slate with Tara Vaccaro seconding, congratulations to the new board.

Lynette: thank you to departing board members Gen Massa, Tara Vaccaro, Tami Stark and Irena Dabarakov for supporting the school and the board.

Motion passes.

Parent group announcements:

Stephanie Dinozzi, Chair of FOCUS: Walk in the Park with Suzanne is tomorrow, still some spots open. Come join us!

Lisa Smith, PTG President, Lloyd Harbor School - register for the Lloyd Harbor School Virtual Fun Run, May 23 through June 6.

Dr Bolen: National Junior Honor Society induction is tomorrow at 7 PM on the football field. Thursday is the National Honor Society induction ceremony, also on the football field at seven.

The option will be given to senior parents of unvaccinated students or students that have not had Covid within 90 days to go fully remote to preserve their health for the end of your activities, such as senior banquet, prom, and graduation. That choice will be sent out today with a Google form to be completed.

In person exams will begin the 21st, 24th and 25th of this month, with fully remote students having already chosen the remote option. Final exams start June 1 in class through June 16 which is the last in person class day. June 17 is the English Regents for those students taking it. June 18 is the last official instruction day which will be fully remote for all students. They can log onto their Canvas pages for assignments from their teachers. Dr. Bolen clarified that a student has the ability to go fully remote if they are fearful of quarantine or of catching Covid.

President: Thank you Dr. Bolen for everything you've done for our school during your tenure. Good luck to you in your future endeavors. It was a pleasure to work with you.

The PTG president then turned the meeting over to Mr. Fenter and Mr. Stucchio to discuss the budget.

Mr Fenter is grateful to Dr Bolen's leadership over the past four years.

Thanks to all those who gave input into this budget. Although there is still some uncertainty, just yesterday it was announced that children as young as twelve can receive the Pfizer vaccine. Next year we will still be dealing with Covid, consequently this budget was crafted to be flexible and address a myriad of issues we may encounter due to this disease. Next year's budget is 1.3% greater than this past year's budget. This translates into a tax levy which is in compliance with the levee limit. Included are additional construction personnel, custodians, security and supplies, all aimed at being able to operate the school safely. We will continue to be offering the wide array of academic and athletic opportunities as we have in the past and are continuing to add to our flexible furniture. \$100,000 has been put aside to furnish our new STEAM wing which will begin construction in the fall after school hours, although instruction in STEAM academics will begin the first day of school. The building permit from Albany is still pending. We continue to replace our data technology, and continue our partnership with the lab. The interior school bus camera program will begin and over \$1 million is being appropriated to upgrade and replace districtwide HVAC systems. There is a proposition being put before the voters that, if approved, permits the Board of Education to appropriate remaining funds at the end of the 2020 - 2021 fiscal year and any future year to lower the total borrowing amount for the bond project approved by the voters in November 2019. The approval of this proposition will be at no additional cost to the taxpayers. If approved the district will be able to borrow less and as a result will pay less and long-term interest expenses.

There are three Board of Education candidates running for two seats: Heather Morante Young, Tami Stark, and Ingrid Wright, Incumbent.

Voting is from 6 AM to 10 PM on Tuesday of next week.

Tara Vaccaro, Chair of Committees:

We had our Staff Appreciation Luncheon recently, which was atypical due to Covid restrictions. We had a beautiful sign placed in front of the school on the property grounds thanking our staff. The teachers chose their lunch in advance from Culinary Studio, funded by the PTG. Much positive feedback was received.

Meeting adjourned at 10:04. Happy Summer everyone!