SWES PTA General Minutes

Southwest Elementary School - High Point, NC

9-9-21 06:30pm| Meeting called to order by Megan Bocci

# In Attendance

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| Megan Bocci | Kate Steele | Emily Barnes | Shannon Robinson | Rachana Prabhu | Jodi Johnson |
| Carla Mateer | Michelle Thigpen | Alison Snyder | Jenna Schaefer | Jennifer Black | Ellison Cooper |
| Dr. Shanta Buchanan | Ashley Zuniga | Brent Logan | Brooke Fields | Carrie Robbins | Cassandra Chesson |
| Jennifer Lemonds | Justina | Kelly Hayworth | Mariana HerRiv | Peter and Kelsey LaVigne | Roslylin Totten |
| Tate Barnes | Taylor Pickens | Praveen Kumar Nalli | Katherine Kelley | Baseer Sunia | Veena Bai |
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# Approval of Minutes

9.2.21 Minutes Approved

# Board

Megan Bocci called the virtual meeting to order at 6:31pm via Google Meets

* Introduction of the Officers of the PTA
  + **Megan Bocci – President**
    - 3 kids at Southwest, 1 child still at home
    - 3rd year serving on Executive Board
  + **Rachana Prabhu – Vice President**
    - Previously served as Secretary last year
    - 2nd grader at Southwest
  + **Shannon Robinson – Secretary**
    - 1st year as Secretary
    - 4th grader at Southwest
  + **Emily Barnes – Treasurer**
    - 1st year as Treasurer
    - K and 3rd grader at Southwest
  + **Kate Steele – Vice President of Communications**
    - Handle social media, Newsletters, All Things Technical
  + **Jodi Johnson – Board Member**
    - Worked in the PTA for several years
    - Specifically working in memberships this year
    - Also, will be helping with programming
  + **Jenna Schaefer – Board Member** 
    - Audit Committee Chair
    - K and 1st grader at Southwest

# Advisory Committee

N/A

# Budget

* Emily Barnes – Treasurer
  + Does anyone have any questions about the budget?
  + Motion to approve the 2021-2022 Budget.
* Jodi Johnson – Board Member
  + We decided we can function this year with the funds left over from last year.
  + The money we are fundraising this year (Boosterthon) will be allocated to the playground work.
  + The money is well allocated between programs for children and families this year and basis of continuing business.
* Megan Bocci- President
  + Asked if anyone had any questions
  + Motion to approve the budget
  + Kate Steele motion to approve the Budget
  + Board member 2nd the motion
  + All approved
  + Budget approved
* Quorum Met.
  + - 20 plus members voted
    - 2021-2022 Budget approved

# Principal’s Report

Thanks to everyone for joining the call tonight. We are off to a great start this year with your support.

* **Procedures:** We are doing an excellent job of following procedures.
  + Morning car line is going well.
  + Morning arrival shows a gap between 7:05am-7:10am.
  + Encourage people to come early.
  + Everyone need to be in the building by 7:25am.
  + We do still have a couple of cards that come late.
* **Classrooms**: Things are going great.
  + 3rd graders completed BOG Reading assessments
    - Very organized.
    - Students did a nice job of following through all the procedures
  + K3 – DiBels
    - Completed
  + 3-4-5 – Almost complete ERLA
    - Test done by Monday/Tuesday
    - Some makeups needed due to student absents
    - Going smoothly
* **Staff**
  + Focusing on the needs of our students
  + Instructions/ Collaborations among Core Teachers and Support Staff
  + Goals to achieve high growth for our students
  + Concerns about student achievement and unlearned materials after looking at the numbers released.
  + Our school numbers went down Reading among our 4th and 5th graders by a little over a point in each grade level
  + Math and Science went up in all grade levels.
  + Oak Ridge is the only school that had a higher overall proficiency rating in the County.
    - This is a compliment to our parents, students, staff, and community.
  + We are continuing to look at individual student data to increase intentionality.
  + We not only want expected growth, but we want our students to exceed growth.
* **Covid**
  + Link provided during weekly message of our school procedures.
  + Continue to encourage all adults to get vaccinated.
  + Vaccination reduces the spread of the virus.
  + All students remain masks inside the building outside of eating and drinking.
  + Students now have additional areas to go outside for brain breaks. All thanks to the PTA!
  + Reinforce throughout the instructional day to continue following the procedures like hand washing, wiping down things, wearing the masks.
  + Following these procedures has worked well for the school.
  + Positive cases were a result of things that occurred outside of the school. These cases were not directly related to the classroom.
* **Boosterthon**
  + Kids are really pumped up for the school wide dance tomorrow
  + It’s a great time to celebrate all their hard work and have some fun together
  + Thanks to our PTA, families, and community support.
  + Great way to get additional resources to help with our school
* **Academics**
  + Virtual Academic night coming up
  + Teachers will provide curriculum information that will pertain standards for your grade level.
  + If you have any questions after reviewing, please reach out to your teacher.
  + Interim reports coming out shortly.
  + 1st and 3rd quarter PT conferences will be in person or live. These will be one on one.
* **School Committees**
  + Meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month
  + Social Emotional Learning
    - One School, One Community, One Book – “*Front Desk*”
    - School will read this book together.
    - Connecting to our real lives.

# Committee Reports

# Announcements/ Questions/ Open Floor

1. The dance fit hosted by Boosterthon, will this dance be live stream or posted on Facebook Live?
   1. No plans for live streaming.
   2. Teachers must be cautious of students that requested not to be on social media.
   3. Teachers and Staff will provide pictures and/or videos of their classrooms to the parents.
2. Can we work on our messaging to start saying Cowboys and Cowgirls? This will help us be more inclusive. For example, Welcome back Cowboys, Welcome back Cowgirls.
   1. Yes, we can reflect on this and how we can adjust to be more inclusive.
3. We have had to rely heavily on Technology in the classroom. Will this trend continue when we are back to normal, no masks in the classroom? Will we get more hands-on learning outside of using laptops?
   1. Technology will continue to increase; however, I expect hands on learning in the classroom
   2. We look at how we are using technology tools, we never want technology to replace face to face instructions.
   3. It is easier to look at kids while giving instructions so you can see the nonverbal language and being able to see what they are doing with their work.
   4. For example, it is hard to keep a Social Studies textbook current with the world and how it is changing. It is all about a balance.
   5. Guilford County, our State, and Federal government continue to look at the technology resources we have and find ways to improve them.
   6. Guilford County has purchased a device for every single child:
      1. K-3rd grade - I-Pads
      2. 4th-5th grade Chromebooks
      3. Middle and High School
   7. Every child has a device that will assist with their instructions.
   8. Instructional Day for our student includes whole group, small group, partners or individual. Technology assist with assigning task on that student’s individual level.
   9. Promethean Boards and Apple TVs added to the classrooms, it is more efficient with information and capabilities that those resources have help to differentiate the type of strategies we use in instructions have increased.
4. Is I-Station still used in K-2.
   1. No, the state has switched back to DiBels for K-3.
   2. We are no longer doing I-Station using the I-Pads.
   3. One on One assessment with DiBels.
      1. This addresses the skills needed to learn how to read.
5. What is the plan for the kids that cannot afford to purchase the book “*Front Desk”*?
   1. Fortunately, we received the Spice Grant through Guilford County PTA
   2. This will help to assist in purchasing some books for those students.
   3. Teachers will work with those students on an individual level.
   4. Creating a sign-up genius for staff to read chapters of the books.
   5. This will give students opportunity to listen at home with their parents.
   6. Kickoff will be in October
   7. It is okay if the students have already started to read the book. The more you read the more the student will comprehend.
6. If a child is quarantining this year, what is the plan for the student to make up schoolwork?
   1. Guilford County has created shells for Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies.
   2. One per grade level on their canvas page.
   3. Updated every week based on a standard guide for that week of learning.
   4. Teachers are speaking with parents’ individual regarding learning materials.
   5. We are proactive to make sure student is not losing instructional times.
   6. Devices should go home every day and charged every night.
7. Have you seen where a child would need to quarantine based on playing on the playground?
   1. We are using the guidelines from the Health Department and CDC
   2. Students are not required to wear the mask outside.
   3. We encourage students not to play tag.
   4. Students that tested positive for Covid, it did not originate in school.
   5. Wipes, Hand Sanitizer, and Masks are at an endless supply.
8. If my 3rd grader is out this week, can she take the test on Monday.
   1. The last day for make ups is tomorrow.
   2. The County may provide extensions.
   3. The test is a baseline. It is another piece of data.
   4. The downfall if you do not take, no growth calculation will be provided to the state to determine growth.
   5. We track student data each week in a lot of different ways.
9. Is a book list available for grade level 30 mins requirement each night?
   1. Students can pull this up using their device.
   2. Resources will show all books available and their current reading level.
   3. 3rd – White
   4. 4th- Black
   5. 5th – Orange
   6. 6th – Purple
   7. Ms. Pickens can also look up reading book level in the library.
10. Will the County replace the missing I-Pad chargers?
    1. Yes, the county will be sending replacements.
    2. They will be handed out to students when received.
11. How does the One Card work?
    1. Students should scan when getting on and off the school bus.
    2. We still do not have school scanners. They are on back order.
    3. High School and Middle school will receive theirs first.
    4. Will send out communications when they arrive.
12. What is the PTA overview/Structure?
    1. General Membership
       1. Three or more meeting per year.
       2. Time to come together
       3. Programs
       4. Concerns/Likes/Dislikes
    2. Committees
       1. Heaving Lifting
       2. Zoom Meeting to meet
    3. Board Members
       1. 1st Thursday of each month.
       2. Work through details.
       3. Project updates/ discuss what need to happen.
       4. Everyone is welcome to come to provide feedback.
       5. Votes, only voting board members can vote.
    4. Officers
       1. Fine tune work to be done.
13. Can we avoid sitting the kids in groups of four?
    1. Protocol is to socially distance the kids as best as we can inside the classroom.
    2. We no longer must be six feet apart.
    3. We want students to work in those groups.
    4. We want everyone to fit inside the classroom.
    5. Reach out to teacher to figure out how to create more space.
14. Will parents be notified if a child must test positive or must quarantine due to Covid-19?
    1. Guilford County schools must attend the same sessions that have the same information provided.
    2. Admins must answer certain questions on a form that goes directly to the health department
    3. Health Department contact parents for tracing, provide letters to teachers, students, parents.
    4. Admin will then contact parents.
    5. Seating charts are kept for each classroom.
    6. Seating charts are kept for buses.
15. How you trace kids that eat lunch in the cafeteria?
    1. Kids do not eat lunch in the cafeteria this year.
    2. Lunches are eaten outside or the classrooms.
    3. Cafeteria seating is limited and does not provide the spacing needed for students to remove their masks to eat.
    4. Students go through the lunch line but take their lunch back to the classrooms to eat.

**\*\*\*Raffle (2) $25.00 Target Gift Card\*\*\***

* + **Cassandra Chesson**
  + **Baseer Sunia**

# Next Meeting

9-9-21 6:30pm, Virtual

Meeting Adjourned at 7:36pm