



Cooper Landing School Parent Advisory Committee

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Minutes of the PAC Meeting held on October 19, 2020

Roll Call: Tommy Gossard, Heather Harrison, Adrienne Fleek, Todd Loomis, Virginia Morgan

Tommy opened the meeting and asked everyone if they had received the agenda he emailed earlier. Everyone replied yes.

Approval of Agenda: Heather mentioned that the bylaws are usually reviewed at the first meeting of each school year and stated that if this needed to be done, the agenda could be amended to add this item. Heather made the motion to add the review of the bylaws to the agenda. Tommy seconded and the motion passed.

Review of Bylaws: Heather noted that she feels the committee has reviewed and refined the bylaws quite well over the last few years. At this point, Virginia joined the meeting in progress and said she had sent the bylaws out via email to everyone at the last minute just so everyone would have them, but doesn't really think they need to be amended. Heather asked Todd and Adrienne if they wanted to review them before they are accepted as written, and they stated no.

Heather made a motion to approve the bylaws as currently written. Tommy seconded and the motion passed.

Resignation: Heather resigned as President. She said that she has been hoping that someone would take over the position, but that hasn't happened. They have now lost all the other officers due to moves and other factors, and Heather just does not have the time or energy to take this on by herself.

Virginia wanted to make it clear that she is now on the School Board and is not allowed to hold a position on the committee. She stated that she has noticed that other small schools are in the same boat and are having difficulty finding people to fill the positions. In most cases, school staff has taken on the job of keeping the parents/community connected and informed and that it may just be that we have to struggle through this year without officers.

Heather stated that to remain a site council, we are required to hold at least four meetings per year. She also said Tommy had mentioned that as long as there is one non-officer parent in attendance, it is considered a meeting. She asked the group to consider committing to their attendance at the rest of the meetings for this school year. She said maybe the group could set some dates for future meetings this evening.

She then stated that if Donna is willing to take on the responsibilities of secretary with regard to the agendas and minutes, and to see to it that they are sent out to the parents, that would be really helpful.

Heather asked Tommy if he has asked Donna about ongoing participation and he stated that we will just take it meeting by meeting.

Election of Officers: Item tabled until such time that it becomes applicable.

Review and Approval of Minutes: Heather made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of May 19, 2020. Tommy seconded and the motion passed.

Principal's Report: Mr. Hayman was not present but requested that everyone continue to be diligent in practicing prescribed measures to contain the spread of COVID-19. Extreme caution should be exercised when socializing, limiting your engagement with anyone other than members of your immediate household. In the case of students, they need to socialize only with members within their school cohort. The southern peninsula (Homer area), central peninsula (Soldotna, Kenai & surrounding areas), and the eastern peninsula (Seward & Moose Pass) are all in the red (high risk).

Heather asked if any present had questions or comments about the Principal's Report. Adrienne asked if Mr. Hayman is still visiting the school in person. She is concerned about him visiting the school in person after having been at his other schools. Tommy replied that last Friday, Mr. Hayman called in to discuss academic matters and did not physically come to the school. He does stop by occasionally, keeps his visits brief, and always wears a face mask.

Tommy also said that Mr. Hayman is always available to parents for a Zoom conference or telephone call if needed.

Teacher's Report: Tommy will be contacting all parents this week to schedule parent-teacher conferences. He always tries to schedule them so as to not interfere with families' 4-day weekend. He is available mornings before school and afternoons after school so think about when you might wish to meet.



Tommy mentioned that back in June, he had to make a decision about whether or not we will be holding our swag fundraiser this year. We have to pre-order the boughs from Cadre Feed, so he decided to go ahead with it. The boughs will arrive the second week of November and swags will be available just before Thanksgiving. We will be selling them for \$20 each or 2 for \$35. We will have to wait until we get closer to see if we will be able to have volunteers help make the swags or whether school staff and students will have to do them on their own, which is likely.

Last year, Cooper Landing School received grant money from KMTA for a Spencer Glacier float trip, but we weren't able to go due to the Swan Lake Fire. Tommy is in discussions with KMTA to see if they will allow us to use it for something else. The person who used to be in charge has left the organization and the new person needs a bit of time to review things. Tommy said he will contact them again soon to see if any progress has been made.

Virginia said that we probably will not be able to have any field trips until at least spring. All activities of any kind have been cancelled including sports.

Tommy presented the idea to KMTA to see if they would consider splitting the money among the students' families so they can take family field trips. He asked if the PAC would consider subsidizing the money. Tommy asked for thoughts.

Heather said she thought it was a creative way to take advantage of the funds since a school field trip is not possible at this time. She said the PAC is there to help pay for opportunities for students to go on planned activities.

Tommy brought up the fact that we still have mugs from last year's Holiday Market. He inquired if we should consider trying to sell the remaining ones or just hang on to them for another year. Virginia said we can always reorder for the next Holiday Market. Tommy said we could take orders and then put them outside for contact-less pick up – the same as we will be doing with the swags.

Tommy asked for questions. Heather mentioned that she would like Tommy to keep the committee posted as to the KMTA money and if we are awarded the money, we can move forward with discussions on how we can utilize it for families.

She also spoke to the fact that we may need to get creative with our fundraising going forward. Virginia agreed and briefly discussed a fundraising idea for t-shirts, hoodies, etc. that is totally hands-off.

The group also discussed the fact that times are tough for everyone right now and maybe we shouldn't be pressuring families with the burden of fundraising at this point since we won't be spending any money on field trips this year anyway.

Treasurer's Report: Tommy said he emailed it out to everyone. There was a small discrepancy and Donna will work to figure it out when she can gain access to last year's numbers.

New Business: None.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

- KMTA grant money
- Possible election of officers
- Fundraising ideas

Next Meeting Date: To be determined.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 pm.