



Booth Middle School General Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 6 p.m.

- Welcome & Introductions
 - Held via zoom; Attendance restricted due to COVID; In
 - Susan de la Cruz
 - Grainne Flanagan
 - Christine Shanus
 - Deb Troutman, principal
 - 28 participants via zoom
- o Minutes from May 2021 General Meeting presented and approved
- o Treasury Report
 - Board Treasury Demetra Mavrophilipos presented the proposed budget for the current school year. No questions were asked regarding budget. Budget was approved unanimously.
- o TCBY Sales
 - TCBY sales have started and have been successful
 - The Booth PTO is offering an option to pre-buy TCBY tickets through the PTO website; \$20 for 10 tickets.
- o Spirit Wear items are available to purchase through the Booth PTO website. Final Day to purchase is Sept. 10. Visit Booth PTO website to see what spirit wear is being offered this year.
- o Board Co-President discussed the need for volunteers for the school year activities. Look in the school newsletter for sign ups and more information.
- o Board Co-Presidents introduced Deb Troutman, Booth Principal, and thanked her for making herself available for a Q &A session.
 - Before questions began, Mrs. Troutman shared her extensive background in education and thanked the parents for the smooth start to the year. She also expressed her willingness to answer any direct questions from parents and that email is the best way to get a hold of her.
 - Mrs. Troutman addressed the following topics:
 - Mask Mandates and Masks in the School:
 - o Mask mandate for the school is determined when the school reaches a percentage of positive cases per students/staff. Mrs. Troutman enforced the Mask Mandate when the percentage was reached this week.
 - o Kids always have the ability to wear a mask whether it is mandated or not.
 - o The County will make determination regarding cold weather protocol and/or if any changes need to be made reading masked/unmasked students when there is no mandate.
 - o Mrs. Troutman gets emails from those who want masks required and those who don't; she will always make the choice based on the safety of the students, teachers and staff.
 - o Mrs.Troutman is looking into ordering more Booth facemasks; PTO is looking into offering them via the website.

- Quarantine and Vaccinations
 - Quarantine policies developed at a county level. The County will notify if there are changes.
 - If a child tests positive for COVID, upon returning to school, they are exempt from quarantine for 90 days.
 - Students who are vaccinated are exempt from quarantine unless showing symptoms. Vaccination is verified through GRETS.
 - Numbers are updated weekly through www.fcboe.org. New numbers are available Friday. It is consent change of information, Mrs. Troutman asks for patience as we all navigate this together.
- Virtual Learning
 - VL is being offered for those who quarantining and well enough to participate.
 - Hybrid A/B model will be used if necessary
- COVID Contract Tracing
 - Nurse is working day and night to determine those students who may be effected via contract tracing.
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- NEW Lunch protocol because of COVID
 - Students are rotating in cafeteria, classroom and extra open space for lunch periods.
- School Supplies Needed
 - PTO will be sending out teacher/staff supply list for any family that wishes to donate.
- Status of Current Building
 - Building Crew gives daily updates to Mrs. Troutman; been great to work with
 - Leaks in the roof
 - Roof project is still in the works and been delayed by rain; project on target for Labor Day completion
 - Leaks have decreased and normal in a project this size
 - Bathroom Flooding
 - Plumbers are working on blockage and replacing old pipes
 - Drinking Water
 - Piping is above ground so water is safe
- New Building
 - Great progress has been made but because of pandemic supplies can be slow so there is no set time for building to be completed
 - Mrs. Troutman is committed to making sure the building is 100 percent ready for students, teachers and staff before they occupy the building,
 - Road access to the school is easy to access from a neighborhood.
 - It's going to be a beautiful school and there will be a Grand Opening ceremony where the public can see the building. Stay tuned for more details.
- Curriculum Night
 - Curriculum night will be virtual
 - Each team will send out a video and parents can zoom in for Q & A sessions with their students team.
- Contacting Mrs. Troutman

- Feel free to call or email any questions to Mrs. Troutman, She welcomes all questions and would rather answer or help find you the answer rather than you wondering.
- Board Co-Presidents thanked Mrs. Troutman for her time.
- Meeting was adjourned.