

TIS PTO Meeting, Virtual
Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Attendance:

Anna Boney	Lindsey McKelvy	Kate Costigan
Christine Oliver	Jim Benson	Brianna Kane
Karen Kelley	Stephanie Shirback	
Jackie Allen	Becky	
Shawna Wager	Megan O'Connor	
Sharon Cross	Lisa Brown	

Meeting called to order at 3:19 p.m. by Anna Boney

Christine opened the meeting with the Principal's Report. She thanked the group for being a part of the PTO and for the opportunity to work together. She shared information from the Lee County School District regarding covid-19. The county is in high community transmission, which is the highest level of caution. Christine shared a chart (attached) which explains the protocols and recommendations at each phase. Christine walked through the current protocols. Christine also noted there are positive cases at the school and the school has been fogged and all recommended steps are being followed. This phase was put into effect Jan. 5. Christine also shared a recommended quarantine chart and protocol (attached). Christine discussed the chart. Attendees did not pose any questions.

Christine also noted the school's largest fundraiser (The Island School Shootout) is taking place Thursday, Feb. 3 at The Gasparilla Inn Golf Club. Volunteers are needed and encouraged. An email from Donna Lutton (volunteer coordinator) will be sent out to the parents to encourage participation.

PTO membership drive will take place in the next few weeks before the next meeting. In order to be a voting member, members must fill out the form which was sent home with each child.

Report cards for the second quarter will go out the week of January 24.

Christine shared the FSA testing calendar for the spring (attached). Christine asked that families try to avoid vacations and absences during that time as the make up window is very small.

Christine ended her report with a reminder there is no school on Monday, January 17 for Martin Luther King, Jr. day.

Jackie Allen continued with the Treasurer Report. Jackie noted she is actively working on establishing TIS PTO with Florida and the Federal Government. She applied for a new EIN# and is completing the paperwork to become incorporated in the state of Florida. She is also gaining a new POB number.

Anna continued the meeting explaining the vacancy in the Secretary position on the Executive TIS PTO Board. Anna introduced Shawna Wagar for nomination. Anna opened the floor for other nominations and there were not any other nominations. All members voted in Shawna and there were no opposed.

Anna explained the updates to the By Laws and discussed each adjustment (attached). The adjustments were in the following areas: Official name (TIS PTO), Dues/Donations, Terms of Office and Committees.

The committees were explained in detail. Members can choose to be a part of a committee and a committee chair will be selected. The committee chair will also be a member of the TIS PTO Executive Board.

Jim Benson asked if regular events and family activities will resume this school year. Additional questions were asked about the limitations of these events given the current level of caution. It was explained if events are taking place off campus and particularly outside, events can resume as usual. Each event will be discussed on an individual basis within the committee. Ideally, the group is attempting to host the Chowder Dinner, Friendship Dances, Spring Paraded, Donuts with Dad and other activities as long as the committee can propose ways to safely host these events within the limitations set forth by the district.

Anna asked that all members consider committees to join and to be prepared to choose a committee at the next monthly meeting. Anna also asked members to come up with ideas of activities, events and anything we may be missing or overlooking for the remainder of the year. A membership drive in the outdoor Pavilion at the school will be organized before the next meeting. There was discussion about new and continued events and members expressed the desire to keep moving forward and creating experiences for families to participate and be together.

A question about communication within the group was asked. In the past, a Facebook group for the PTO was created. Current members agreed that going forward, email may be the preferred communication tool.

February 8, 2022 meeting will possibly be in person if it can be outdoors in the Pavilion, but it could also be virtual. More information will be provided as we get closer.

Meeting adjourned 4:01 p.m.