

Minutes

Bexley Middle School PTO

11/19/2020 1 pm
Zoom

Principal Update (Jason Caudill)

- Student Non-Attendance Days M/T before Thanksgiving: In light of the spike in Coronavirus cases and staff/faculty/students needing a respite, school will not be held those days. Rather, the time will be used as an opportunity to get caught up as we near the second half of the quarter. Teachers will be in communication with students if make up work needs to be completed during these days.
- Service Model Task Force: A new task force has been established to evaluate other hybrid models. The initial focus is on evaluating the elementary level for an AM/PM hybrid model switch and in response secondary education staff are working on a complimentary model for 6th-12th.
 - A secondary education survey was sent to students and across the board, zoom days were the most challenging for students.
 - The goal for a middle school model change is to increase teacher/student contact time. Therefore, Jason and his team propose an “every other day” hybrid model. As a result, students will have more in-school time as well as lessen the gap between asynchronous and in-school days.
 - Health experts now suggest a day for cleaning is not necessary as Coronavirus does not spread as easily through surface transmission.
 - If this model is adopted, it would begin after winter break.
- Mental Health: Middle school faculty and staff believe the most effective way to evaluate students social/emotional well-being is to have in-person contact. This is another push for increasing in-school time.

Vice-President Update (Sean Hathorn):

- Sean attended the PTO meeting with Dr. Dan Good, Interim Superintendent, and attorney, Jennifer Tomlin. The primary focus of the meeting was to provide guidelines for PTO and school group fundraising. There are details on the Ohio Attorney General’s website addressing this information.

Treasurer Update (Kristin Harpe and Liz McGee)

- Two active fundraisers: Call-A-Cub and Spirit Wear (see details below).
- As a result of the D.C. trip not happening this year, there has not been as big of a fundraising push as in year's past.

Chair Updates

- Spirit Wear (Susie Chluda): The holiday sale is now running and ends November 23rd. The link to purchase is in Jason's weekly email. Please help promote this sale as all proceeds support the PTO.
- Call-A-Cub (Jackie Philips) The Call-A-Cub is still available for purchase. To date, 67 have been sold. The program continues to bring in revenue from both sales and ads. The link to purchase is in Jason's weekly email and Callers are distributed to students during their in-school days.

Upcoming Meetings: (always subject to change)

- All Thursdays at 1 pm
No December Meeting
1/28/2021
2/25/2021
3/25/2021
4/29/2021
5/27/2021

The Mission of the Bexley Middle School PTO is to provide a forum for parents to communicate with the principal and each other, to support the needs of teachers and students, and to raise money for the student outdoor education and Washington, D.C. trips. All are welcome to attend these meetings.