



PTO Meeting Minutes July 28, 2020

Attendees (via Zoom): Jessica Blackman, Vanessa Berman, Katlyn Morris, Erica Houskeeper, Kerrie Mathes, Rebecca Grannis, Alex Chernyshov, Heather Chernyshov, Alisha Laramee, Jen Coleman, Betsy Patrick, Joe Resteghini, Mike Fisher, Janet Breen, Roger Klinger, Ruth Henry, Lisa Golding, Olivia DeMarchis, John Stanton-Geddes, Christine Weinberger, Elissa Freeman, Carrie Roy, Brettan Martelle, Andrea Rumsey, Kath Laing, Michelle Scott, Mia Hockett, Shauna Hill

Hybrid School Model/Fall Plans

Gov. Scott moved the mandatory school start date to Sept. 8, under an executive order. Principal Joe Restighini said moving the date more than a week later than Champlain typically starts classes will give teachers and staff extra time to prepare to make this an enriching school year.

Joe pointed out that the school instruction model will be a hybrid of remote/in-person instruction, where kids are at Champlain two days a week. Families can also opt for a five-day remote learning schedule. The district will send out a survey the week of Aug. 3 to ask parents if they plan to send their child to Champlain or do only remote learning.

He said the survey will help school officials determine the schedule for the fall, which will follow an A/B concept with two days of in-person instruction and two days of remote learning. (For example, the A group will go to Champlain Mondays and Thursdays, and the B group will go to Champlain Tuesdays and Fridays. Wednesday will be a C day with no in-person instruction).

Parents attending the meeting asked that the district survey spell out the different scenarios, as well as describe what all remote learning will look like for parents who choose not to send their kids back to Champlain this fall.

Joe said the district is still working on how the distance education piece will work. Some teachers cannot be in the building and will need to be virtual. He envisions using that roster of educators as digital educators as Champlain needs to be able offer quality, five-day distance learning to families who choose not to return for in-person instruction.

Parents at the meeting raised questions about setting up pods of students—in the same neighborhood, as an example—that can learn together at Champlain as well as during online

days. However, Joe mentioned that type of set up is difficult, not only logistically, but also because it's hard to achieve equity and inclusivity in such a scenario.

Outdoor Classrooms

Outdoor classroom space is being set up in various places at Champlain. A large tent will be placed in the athletic field, and the Champlain grounds will also include an impermanent outdoor structure that will be fully funded by the PTO for \$4,000. Champlain also plans to use the garden space and woods area for outdoor learning and enrichment.

A community day will be scheduled to help assemble some of the outdoor classrooms before the school year begins. Joe or the PTO will reach out to ask for volunteers to come together to help with the community day. Fundraising efforts will also begin to help support the school with needs that arise.

PTO Board Positions for 2020-21 School Year

New PTO Board positions were nominated and voted on:

- Jessica Blackman – President
- Vanessa Berman – Vice President
- Rebecca Grannis – Treasurer
- Angela Duquette-Catlett – Secretary
- Erica Houskeeper – IT/Website and Communications
- Kerrie Mathes – Event Coordinator
- Sarah Legault and Roger Klinger – Teacher Reps
- Joe Resteghini - Principal
- Members at Large:
 - Katlyn Morris – (also PTO District Liaison)
 - Alex Chernyshov
 - Heather Chernyshov
 - Alisha Laramee
 - Jen Coleman
 - Meghan Fitzpatrick
 - Cassie Lindsay
 - Shawna Shapiro
 - Garrett Shapiro
 - JB Ledoux
 - Ruth Henry
 - Brettan Martell
 - John Stanton-Geddes
 - Stan Weinberger
 - Christine Weinberger