

CHAMPLAIN PTO

Champlain Elementary School PTO Community Check-In Meeting

Meeting Minutes, June 3, 2021

Update from Joe

- Yearbook will go home with students on 6/9 and show a great year despite the changes resulting from COVID
- Chef Kaye is putting together a picnic lunch on Friday
- Students will be going on field trips next week
- Joe and Tammy are planning a field day/obstacle course
- Kindergarten graduation ceremony will be new this year and held on the 14th
- 5th grade step up will be live streamed on Facebook on Thursday 6/10
- Tammy retirement party on 6/15 11:30 – 1:30 after the last day of school. No hugging allowed!
- This Summer a new gym floor will be installed and new paint in gym and stairwell
- Mamava nursing/pumping station will be put in at Champlain and will go to some of the other elementary schools as well
- A survey will be attached to the next blue note. Please complete it to share feedback with Champlain.
- Placement notices for teachers next year will go out with report cards and will get mailed on June 15th.
- Opening pre-school at Champlain – “Bright Start” will be a transitional pre-school/Kindergarten classroom (along with a preschool play structure) for 4 year olds and late summer 5 year olds who could qualify for Kindergarten, but might be a good fit for this pre-school/K classroom.
- Other than Tammy’s retirement, staffing is primarily stable with the 16 classroom teachers returning next year.
- Things went well with lunch in classrooms. The school is in conversation right now about the master schedule and the possibility of continuing with lunch in classrooms.

PTO Updates

- New Champlain T-shirts are in. There will be an order form sent out and we will have shirts available for sale after school.
- Nominations for PTO positions for next year:
 - President: Buddy Singh (new) and Jessica Blackman (existing)
 - Vice-President: Vanessa Berman (existing) and looking for a co-VP to help build capability and sustainability and to learn the ropes of creating the yearbook

- Treasurer: Rebecca Grannis (existing) and Bretton Martell (new)
- Secretary: Kathleen Brey and Cassie Lindsey
- Website/Communications: Erica Housekeeper (existing) and TBD
- Events Coordinator: Kerrie Mathes and we are looking for a co-coordinator to help in future years
- All members at large will be asked to stay in their positions, and some may want to be added to the members at large

****All nominations were approved by board vote****

- PTO is looking for a diversity outreach committee and a social media coordinator
- A doodle poll has been created to try to schedule a meeting over the summer
- Thank you to Jessica for the great work over the past two years!
- PTO is looking to support a new bike rack and accessible playground. Christine and Stan Weinberger and Katlyn Morris are interested in helping Paul Shepard with the bike rack.
- Tammy thanked the group for sharing our kids with her. The school will put up a sign for Charbonneau Field that will be part of the celebration for Tammy on the 15th (remember, no hugging).
- The PTO will fund \$500 toward the sign, to provide individual Cheeto bags (Tammy's favorite) and juice boxes and supplies to make buttons for Tammy. The PTO will also give Tammy a t-shirt that students and teachers will sign.
- Add to summer agenda – need to create a family-school compact and re-create PTO by-laws
- Next year's PTO meetings – in-person on the 2nd Thursday in the evenings and also have a link to a zoom call.

Other Announcements

- Farm to Ballet show on July 17th doors at 4 and start at 6 – benefits Champlain gardens and New Farms for New Americans. Capacity is 150 and 50 of those will be donated tickets to families who otherwise wouldn't be able to attend. Tickets will go on sale soon.