

2020 1st Quarter Meeting Minutes

1. Committee Welcome

Introduction of steering committee

- I. 2020 4th quarter meeting notes motion to approve

2. Reports

Principle

- I. Mr. Freeman – Welcome
 - A. Good start to the school year on zoom. Teachers has been working hard to meet the needs of students through distance learning. Teachers has been incorporating parent feedback.
 - B. Recent announcement from Dr. Bishop stated that elementary students will go back to in person learning October 19th. Bowman will be following all the guidelines set by ASD. We will make sure the students and teachers are kept safe. Masks will be required for everyone. There will be new policies and procedures put in place. These will be announced soon. Thank you, parents, for your support at home.

Teacher reports

- I. 5/6 Linda and Mike
 - A. Working hard to get canvas and zoom set up. We start each day with a 30 minutes meeting. We have been chatting with students and parents on canvas and zoom. We have been working on ecology (habit around us and how animals interact together), Lucy Calkins reading program, combination of math CPM and bridges (long division) We are currently conferencing with each student and should be done this week.
- II. 3/4 Lisa and Ryan
 - A. Thank you, parents, for supposing your students. It has been a learning curve for everyone. Please continue giving us feedback. We would like to know positive feedback and area that need improvement. We started off with a writing project about what you did over the summer (this was a benchmark writing assignment), we have started incorporating specials into our daily activities, we will start opinion writing in two weeks. The 3rd grader are working on addition/subtraction facts and will move into multiplication. In reading we have been working on reading comprehension, Winn-Dixie and independent reading. In science we are working on seasonal changes and the water cycle.
- III. 1/2 RoSho Rosiland and Shoshauna
 - A. We are grateful for our parents and thank you for keeping the kids focused and on task. It has been exciting to see the kid's growth. We understand it has been a lot of work for the parents. We will always have high expectations for your children but at this time we understand that every family is at a different place. We are figuring out reading and phonics and it has been difficult with two zoom sessions. We are brainstorming how we can differentiate to help each student's growth. We have avid readers in our class. In 2nd grade math we are working on

facts of 20, we will have more rainbow math coming out next week to help differentiate.

IV. K Melissa

- A. We appreciate our families helping their children get onto zoom and helping them with their assignments. We are currently working on phonics and number corners. I love hearing the student's comments on seesaw. Through the comments I feel like I am getting to know the children. We will start science this week (working on seasons).

PTA

I. Sang Schrid

- A. Thank you for getting the yearbooks to students. Thank you for the welcome back.

Treasurer report

I. Jessica Short

- A. Budget – We have less students this year. Our expenses are up a little because of supplies. We may need to do additional fundraising to cover expenses.
- B. Contribution Update – We currently have 60-70 percent of families that have made contributions to the program this year.
- C. Scholarship donations gifted(appreciation) – please contact bowman.optional@gmail.com if you need a scholarship. It is confidential.

Community Service

- A. Sara Paulson and Kyong Green
- B. Current needs
- C. Projected needs
- D. How to contribute
- E. Food Pantry

Thank you for all your generation donations and thank you to the Christian Church of Anchorage for donate backpacks and school supplies for Bowman students. Most of our food supply was depleted over the summer. On Wednesdays from 12 - 1pm. You can drop off at food at Bowman. Please look at the google doc for the needs. Please feel free to bring any items.

3. Old Business

I. Volunteer list

- A. Needed – classroom liaison, distributing fundraiser materials

II. Greenhouse and garden update

- A. The community garden did great again this year, thank you to 15 families for watering. We were able to give families fresh vegetables. The greenhouse has come to a halt because of permitting and costs. We need additional money. If anyone can think of a way to raise money, please let us know.

4. New Business

- I. Uncle Joe's fundraiser – I spoke with Uncle Joe's today and they are going to go forward with fundraising this year. If parents have an option on how we can collect money and

distribute vouchers, please let me know. We could use a couple volunteers. Suggestion – set up google forms.

- II. Mable's Labels – We might be able to send out a google doc form. Volunteers needed to help.
- III. 2nd quarter events – We don't know what 2nd quarter events will look like right now. We will need to wait and see.
- IV. 2nd quarter meeting info

Question and Answer

- Family groups will look a little different this year. We will not be able to have open classroom of 50 students. There will be 25 kids at the most in each classroom. According to CDC kids need to be 3 feet apart. Our kids will also be eating lunch in the classroom. Sometimes the teachers or students will move between the family groups. Parents will need to leave their children at the door. There will be limited or no parent volunteering in the school. There might be opportunities for parents to help at home. There will be a positive case at some point either in Bowman or in another school. It is important for contact tracing to limit access to the school.
- The class sizes are the lowest it has ever been. We are down 20 students this year. We will balance the classroom between the family groups. Social distancing is the most important.
- There will be after school care, YMCA. There will not be after school activities at this time.
- If a family is not ready to bring their student back into the school, do we have to go to ASD online? Yes, you will need to move to the ASD online. You will need to make a discussion before Oct 19th.
- Will we lose our spot in the optional program? No, your child will not lose their spot in option is you go to ASD online.
- What about vacations? Parents will need to get a COVID test for their student before they can come back to school.
- Students will be entering and existing from different locations in the building.
- We will give parents a clearer picture of what face to face will look like as we get close to school opening.
- If your children have cold symptoms keep them home. Teachers will not be able to come to school if they have any symptoms.
- There will be teacher/parent conference before students come back to school.
- What if a student has a hard time keeping their mask on? They will have to learn to keep them on. Parents need to teach their children how important it is. We will work through this with activities and parent conferences.
- There will be bus restriction but at this time we do not know exactly what this will look like.
- How flexible is it to move from online to in person? You can transition but we would recommend that you do not go back and forth because the programs are different.
- Masks will be worn outside also.
- Substitutes will be assigned to each building.
- We will not be going to PE or music, etc. Specialists will be coming to the classrooms. Specialist will also be substituting when needed.

- Bathroom schedules will be worked out before school starts. Primary classrooms have their own bathrooms.
- We expect your student to be dropped off 10 minutes before class start. Students will need to stand in their classroom line.
- This is an ever-changing environment. The answer today might be different than the answer tomorrow.

5. Meeting Adjourned 7:41pm