

Somerset Elementary PTSA
EC Meeting Minutes
Friday, August 13th , 2021, 9:55AM-11:00AM
Virtual via Zoom meeting

Attendees: Beibei Yang, Yuki Yang, Cathy Elder, Brenda Naish, Catherine Qu, Demi Wang, Lily Xu, Xiaojing Chen

Quorum Present: Yes

Notice Given: Yes

- Welcome & introductions, all EC members and principals introduced themselves

1. Principal Update

- Popsicles with the Principals: Will be hosting “Popsicles with the Principals” on Monday, August 23rd and Wednesday August 25th divided by grade levels at different time slots. Mask required. Kids can stay and play in the playground so this will also be our PTSA grade level playdate event as well.
- Principal Parent Connect: On Tuesday August 24th, will be hosting virtual parent session to discuss back to school and safety protocols
- New Student Welcome and Meet and Greet: Will be hosting a “New to Somerset” student orientation for new students in grades 1-5 on August 27th and a “Meet and Greet on August 30th for all Somerset students.
- Will send out communications/e-blast to Somerset families and post on PTSA website/Facebook regarding these before school events.
- Covid restrictions and building use policies are still in flux, parent volunteers are currently allowed in the building, but district might change that policy
- Still looking at different options for lunch to keep social distancing: 6 lunch slots, using gym and cafeteria to open spacing. Not enough supervision for students to eat in their classroom
- Covid safety measures: Will maintain 3 ft social distance in classroom, no temperature checks required this year, mask still required. Student needs to stay home if they aren’t feeling well. School will also send kids home if they are not well.
- Learning options during quarantine are still currently being discussed.

- Every student will get a Somerset Shines t-shirt. Discussed selling adult sized spirit-wear (t-shirt/sweatshirt/shopping bag) with the new Somerset Shines logo for fundraising.

2. VP Programs Update

Went through the PTSA Calendar for this school year.

- Need to prepare Welcome Packet. Welcome Packet include : 5th grade request letter; PTSA calendar; Membership flyer with QR code; Traffic FAQ; Welcome letter from PTSA president.
- Need to discuss and plan Welcome Back Coffee on September 1. Traditionally, hired a barista/coffee cart and allowed sign-ups for parent volunteers.
- Need to discuss and plan LID Lunch on Monday, August 30. Traditionally, EC comes to staff meeting, introduce themselves, distribute Welcome packet and provide a potluck lunch to staff.
- Discussed hosting ice cream social with curriculum night

3. Other

- Will like photo of each EC along with description of their roles and responsibilities. Would also like photo of each school staff and in particular GSAs and their roles and responsibilities
- School supplies on school website. General school supplies are provided by the school this year to lower cost to families. There are some additional supplies suggested by the teachers.
- First graders transitioning to second grade will need to bring in their iPad to swap for laptop. Graduated students will need to return their fifth grade laptops. All other students keep their existing ipad/laptop for this year.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am

Signed by: Yim Cheng, Secretary, 08/13/21