

## **BOARD MEETING - CANCELED**

7-8 p.m., April 6, 2020

EXPO Elementary Library

## **April Council of Parents & Teachers Meeting**

### ***Overview***

With the uncertain and rapidly changing environment in which we're all living, the board has decided it will determine each month's meeting logistics on a case by case basis. To that end, ***we decided it made sense to cancel our April meeting*** so that everyone can focus on getting used to the distance learning we will be doing. In lieu of this meeting, ***we are providing an electronic update found below & posted in the minutes section of the Board's page on EXPO's website.***

We'll make a decision about our May meeting as its date approaches. We will hopefully know if the distance learning will continue beyond SPPS's current end date of 5/4 (<https://www.spps.org/covid>)

I am personally grateful for and inspired by the creativity and flexibility modeled for our children by our educators, administration, and families during this unprecedented shift to distance learning. We are all in this together.

Be well & learn well!

Chris Howie

*Chair, Council of Parents & Teachers*

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## **April Meeting**

### ***Email Update***

#### **Principal's Update**

- Teachers worked really hard to get the distance learning pieces up and running. There were some issues this week with Schoology and Seesaw when the whole state was using it. We are hopeful that they will have them resolved by Monday. Otherwise, we are ready to go!
- Still on a holding pattern regarding the budget; Darren will send out any budget info when he gets it.

#### **Treasurer's Update**

- Dance money was distributed equally among participating staff groups
- Per BOD, \$500 was moved from the General Fund to the MiniGrants account
- Silent Auction net sales for the month of March (\$2,386)

***\*Here are the Google Drive Links to the March [Account Balances](#) and [Recent Transactions](#).***

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### **Playground Update:**

- There is a potential that the playground teardown may get moved up a little. The district is looking into it, but will only move it up if the students stay in distance learning through the end of the year. So that decision would not be made until after May 4.

### **Silent Auction:**

- The Silent Auction team has decided to pause until early May, when they will assess and decide if an online auction with items that expire this summer/early fall still makes sense, or if the focus should shift to next school year. We are able to get our deposit refunded from UST, so that is good news.

### **2020-21 School Year:**

- **Board recruitment:** we currently have a roster of 10 directors. Accounting for three departures (Chris Howie, Colleen Gelly, Nathan Kopka) and one potential add (assuming confirmation that Jeff Eul will be incoming Treasurer), that puts the board at 8 members. [Our bylaws](#) require a minimum of 6 and maximum of 10 directors.
  - *Chris Howie will update the application form for distribution the week of 4/6.*
- **2020-21 Officers:** We will need to vote on new officers in May. If anyone has a passion to take on an officer role for next year (Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary), please let Chris Howie know and the board can figure out the best way to structure the conversation/vote in May.
- **Committee Chairs:** Jenny Rixen and Dawn Puroway have both indicated they will continue chairing their respective committees next year. We do need to determine the best way to support the PCE committee into next year, as Jacqueline Kraus's co-chairing term is coming to an end.
- **Music:** Prior to the statewide shutdown, Monica Digre pulled together some options for music enrichment (either in addition to or potentially in place of MacPhail). Like all our educators, she's focused right now on getting distance learning up and run for her students, but will have some details around options for us to consider in May.
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