



Participants: Amelia Abbott, Allison Barry, Emily Blair, Cathy Bradley, Catherine Brasse, Karen Carpenter, Tarvia Chiddick, Shelly Cole, Trina Cone, Beth Cory, Jamie Curtis, Katie Davis, Robert Folk, Nadija Golden, Wendy Hadley, Whitney Hinson, Cecily Hudson, Kris Humphreys, Lori Johnson, Brooke Koppang, Anne Lam, Kelli LeValley, Joni Lockhart, Claire Marston, Heather McKaig, Donna McNairy, Laura Murdock, Tracie Northan, Catherine O'Neal, Denise Pineno, Victor Rodriguez, Heather Salameh, Catherine Scharf, Natasha Scrivener, Melissa Self, Gray Setaro, Kathy Shields, Sherese Smith, Margherita Soule, Krissy Sternberg, Lisa Stewart, Autumn Sweet, Laura Tenzer, Thuy Tri, Lisa Zederbaum

Welcome (Denise Pineno)

- Denise welcomed the group to the second General Membership meeting of the 2020-21 school year.

Principal Update (Mr. Folk)

- Mr. Folk thanked the parents for their patience, flexibility and support during these challenging times and circumstances.
- Mr. Folk shared the following accomplishments for this school year:
 - AGMS held its first virtual Open House at the start of the school year. While the event was successfully executed and well attended, Mr. Folk anticipates a return to an in-person format for next school year.
 - We also held a successful Virtual Curriculum Night that reached a wider parent audience than traditional Curriculum Nights in the past. Going forward, Mr. Folk plans to offer some sort of virtual format, in addition to in-person, in order to provide a greater opportunity for parents to participate.
 - Teachers were able to present a balanced Remote Learning Schedule that provided both synchronous and asynchronous instruction. Teachers were able to adapt to fully remote instruction as well as simultaneously teaching students remotely and in person.
 - The school was fully stocked with Covid supplies and equipment, including WebCams for every teacher, thanks to both the district allocation and supplementary resources funded by the PTO.
 - The PTO website was expanded to add many helpful sections including PowerSchool information, links to Chromebook help, Bulldog Bulletin archives, etc.
 - The Bulldog Bulletin continued to provide a single source avenue of information for all families.
 - AGMS received a \$12,000 donation from the Moments of Hope church that was used to provide hot spots for over 75 families in need.

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- Despite the limitations of remote learning, the school was able to hold traditional events such as a drive through Spirit Week, the Day of Giving event, the Barnes and Noble book fair and Spirit Nights at Chipotle and Sabor Grill.
- AGMS distributed a district driven Panorama survey in both fall and spring semesters to assess the social and emotional health of school. The results from the fall survey helped guide our homeroom activities and curriculum. Mr. Folk will make the spring survey results available to families as soon as it's complete.
- The PTO created and implemented new social media accounts for Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.
- Students have completed registration for next year electives. For core classes, teachers will not use EOG assessment results to determine placement; instead, they will look at MAP scores, current placement and current grades, with the intention to keep placements stable as long as the student has had some success during this year or feel that a return to full in person learning will provide them an opportunity to succeed.
- The PTO has held a number of Staff Appreciation events including a welcome back event, holiday event, monthly luncheons, district wide week, party at end of year. Parents have been so generous and appreciative of staff and it is much appreciated by Mr. Folk and all staff.
- Mr. Folk reported that a number of Student Recognition events have been held this year including hosting the Kona ice truck for all grade levels, the distribution of cups and shirts to celebrate the school's Centennial anniversary, and upcoming end of year grade level activities
- Mr. Folk reported that the state of NC is requiring schools to hold EOG/EOC testing this year. The testing schedule has been communicated via the Bulldog Bulletin, grade level communications, and is available on the website. However, he reiterated that while testing results may be used for assessment purposes, they will not be used to influence student or school grades or student placement this year. Mr. Folk does not want parents or students to stress over this year's testing.
- AGMS is on the district's schedule to have all HVAC units replaced this summer. New units will have the U/V filters that will produce cleaner air.
- Mr. Folk stated asked the group if there are students who are Boy Scouts or Eagle Scouts who might be interested in helping replace the picnic tables, to please let him know as he would like to continue to offer outdoor lunch seating next year. Shelly Cole mentioned that her son is involved with Scouts and would like to participate; she will connect with Mr. Folk to coordinate.
- Mr. Folk asked if there were any questions and received the following:

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- Q: Will parents be able to continue to observe student work on Canvas? A: There is no intention to offer full remote learning at AGMS next year. Any remote learning that is offered will be conducted at the district level
- Q: Will remote learning be offered if a student is sick or misses school? A: still TBD; it is possible that teachers may be able to provide asynchronous work; however, remote synchronous instruction will not be available.
- Q: has CMS stated that masks are no longer required outside? A: Yes, per district announcement on May 5, masks will no longer be required outside. They remain a self selected option and are still recommended when in close proximity. Masks are still required in the buildings and Mr. Folk does not anticipate this policy will change before the end of the 2020-21 school year.
- Q: will parents be able to pick up students after EOGs? A: Mr. Folk stated that there should be no early dismissals on testing days unless an emergency situation arises.
- Q: is Mr. Folk aware that the 6th and 8th grade bathrooms are not equipped with toilet paper and soap? A: Mr. Folk is not aware of this but will follow up.
- Q: is CMS going to require Covid vaccine for the fall? A: guidance has not been established yet but any directive will come from the state and county health departments.
- Q: since 8th graders have missed out on sports this year, is there a way that the athletic director from MPHS can talk to them about how to get involved in sports next year? A: Mr. Folk will follow up and will get an update into the Bulldog Bulletin.
- Q: will there be in person open houses for rising 6th and 9th graders? A; yes for rising 6th graders. A virtual tour is currently available; families can also participate in campus tours that encompass the outside areas only. For high schoolers, Mr. Folk would expect them to have a 9th grade event in the fall.
- Q: will Chorus be offered next year? A: yes, AGMS is planning to share a Chorus teacher with MPHS.
- Q: will volunteers be allowed on campus next year if we can provide proof of vaccination? A: Yes. Mr. Folk does not anticipate parents will be required to show proof of vaccination.

PTO School Events/Update (Denise Pineno)

- Denise reported the following updates:
 - The PTO sponsored Spirit Night that was held in April raised \$142.
 - The AGMS PTO and Selwyn PTA partnered to purchase an additional bike rack that has been installed between the two campuses.
 - The Campus Beautification committee has completed the boxwood butterfly wall by the gym.

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- The 8th grade families received information about graduation activities in this week's Bulldog Bulletin and in an 8th grade only Bulldog Bulletin.
- The 6th and 7th grades enjoyed Kona Ice this week.
- The PTO is planning to provide snacks for the upcoming 7th grade Walk for Wisdom.
- The last day to order a yearbook is **Friday, May 21**. We are not ordering extra copies this year. Yearbooks will be distributed in July.
- PTO is partnering with Mr. Folk to sponsor an End of Year celebration for the staff and their guests that will be held on June 2 at Norfolk Hall.
- Denise gave one last reminder to please sign up for our corporate partners that give back money (box tops, Harris Teeter, Amazon Smiles, etc).

Financial Update (Donna McNairy)

- Donna reviewed the PTO finances, focusing on the following bullets:
 - We budgeted a \$100,000 income at the start of the year; our current status is \$83,000 with approximately \$2000 in corporate matching still pending.
 - Our actual expenses this year have been much lower than initially forecast as the pandemic has put many of our usual activities on hold.
 - As of April 30, we have a balance of approximately \$123,000. We anticipate further expenses will be incurred for end of year activities before the school year closes..
 - Donna mentioned that due to the unusual circumstances caused by the pandemic, the Board reforecast the budget in February. However, the decision was made not to alter the budget template as it should stay intact for future year use. .

Other Business (Melissa Self)

- Melissa thanked all parents and volunteers for their participation and support this year.
- Melissa recognized the Executive Board and Mr. Folk in particular for their leadership and involvement in this challenging year.
- Melissa presented the slate for the 2021-22 Executive Board:
 - Co-Presidents: Trina Cone and Kathy Shields
 - Co-Vice Presidents: Claire Marston and Brooke Koppang
 - Past President: Denise Pineno
 - Treasurer: Shelly Cole
 - Financial Secretary: Kris Humpheys
 - Financial Secretary for Special projects: vacant
 - Secretary: Ali Hoce
 - VP Communications: Tracie Northan

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- Melissa then moved to vote to approve the slate; the motion was seconded by Nadija Golden. Melissa facilitated the vote to approve the slate by asking for an opposing vote (due to the limitations of virtual voting). No opposition was noted; slate approved unanimously via Zoom vote.

2021-22 PTO Slate (Kathy Shields and Trina Cone)

- Kathy thanked Melissa and Denise for their leadership this year. As a token of appreciation from the PTO, a gift has been delivered to their homes.
- Kathy and Trina stated that they look forward to next year and reiterated that parents should reach out to them at any time for assistance or questions.

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