

Essex Fells PTA
General Membership Meeting
Virtual Zoom Meeting
May 20, 2020

President Julie Piccoli called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

In Attendance: Farrah Carnahan, Angela Vega, Gabrielle Steiner, Kate Stefanczyk, Amanda Cesar, Lisa Massaroni, Melissa Chnapko, Christine DiGiovanni, Gemma Diaco, Sara Deni, Karen Milano, Fanny Orsini, Kelly Zarah, Nicole Skopak, Nicolina Lattarulo, Ed Lavezzo, Kelly Criqui, Doree Lynne, Maya Autet, Christine Lembo

- Thank you to the following groups:
 - Lunch Volunteers, all the volunteers throughout the year, and Mrs. Gadaleta

- Committee Updates:
 - Teacher Appreciation: Gift Cards directly sent to Teachers
 - School Supplies: There will be no refunds if school does not begin as scheduled. They will go straight to the students home in the event that we do not begin school as expected.
 - Yearbook: We sold approximately 72 units. We will open purchasing for one more day. Thank you to Amy for all her hard work.
 - Ms. Mitchell: Go Fund Me is in the process of being set up. Please keep eyes out for email.
 - Lunch Money: Parents have a choice of refunding or donating their money. You have until Friday May 29 to request a refund.
 - 6th Grade Class Rep: They will be able to do a drive-thru graduation ceremony at school. They will have a town parade. Nicole and Lisa are reserving money in the event that they are able to have a gathering at a later date during the summer. There will be some fun surprises for the kids over the next money. Gift to school is currently TBD. There is no rain date for the parade.

- New Business
 - Picture Day: Potential for Picture day to be moved to the Spring or to have a social distance/drive through picture day.
 - Class Parent Sign up will be in June. Many things are considered for class parent selections such as meeting attendance, committee head, teacher input and PTA discretion.

- Angela/ Election Committee: Committee is proposing Cindy Mehta for president, Nicole Skopak for VP, Farah Carnahan for Secretary and Lindsey Mazzara for Treasurer. Moved to take a vote for each member. 50+ voted to elect Cindy Mehta for President. 50+ voted to elect Nicole Skopak for VP, 50+ voted for Farah Carnahan for Secretary and 50+ voted for Lindsey Mazzara as treasurer. With those votes the 20/21 board are approved.
- EFEE: Thanks for tuning in to the Music Assembly. We look forward to more offerings of enrichment in the Fall. Thank you Julie for all your hard work this year. Hope everyone has been enjoying Bengal Broadcast. There will be more virtual activities perhaps for next year. Standard programming hopefully continues if safe.
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- Mrs. Gadaleta's Report:
 - 2nd week of June students items will be available for pick up/ return. Students will receive a time.
 - Thanks to Margaret, Cindy, Brenda for all their hard work.
 - Currently working on ordering PPE, Cleaning up and Closure Plan. Thinking about impact on families and teachers.
 - Picture day: We will be using a new company next year for pictures. There has been no guidance on return to school. Proposing moving to the Spring rather than the alternatives.
 - So much has been going on. School leaders aren't given any advance notice. Planning for multiple scenarios. Looking at CDC opening guidelines, considering rotating entrances. NJ may take a different view.
 - BOE will be sending out survey if online learning has been appropriate.
 - EFS has been busy working on building maintenance.
 - There will be virtual activities for Olympics and move up day within next few weeks.

Meeting adjourned 11:23am