

Beebe Home and School Board Virtual Meeting: MINUTES

Oct 29, 2020

[Zoom link](#)

Attendees on Zoom: 19

Welcome and thank you for coming!

- **Introductions were made - asked who you have at Beebe and what COVID silver linings you can share.**

Administration Report: Christine O'Neil

Introduction:

Principal of Beebe, 650 Students, has been in education for 25 years, 10 have been at Beebe. She has two kids of her own. One in 8th who is thriving during these hard times, one in 6th who is struggling. She gets what parents are going through.

PRINCIPAL O'NEIL'S UPDATE:

- We are adapting to everything that's going on day-by-day
- It's important for everyone to know these are School Board decisions and not Beebe choices
- Return to Learn - we could still move to AM/PM schedule but that is up to the District
- There was resistance to Stage 1, then when Stage 2 was introduced, it seemed most preferred Stage 1
- A distinction was made between "Virtual Instruction" vs. "Simultaneous Instruction" trying to give context to the different modes of education that could take place.
 - Simultaneous Instruction is not just the teacher sitting in front of the computer at their desk. They'd have ways to engage both in-person learners as well as those online.
 - Lots of new classroom technology has been integrated and is currently in each room in anticipation of a return to in-person instruction eventually

QUESTIONS IN CHAT:

1. Is the new technology in classrooms paid for the district?
 - a. Yes - it is all paid for by the District.
2. Will kids in-person still need to use their Chromebooks?
 - a. Likely not as much, but there may be students called in from home on their Chromebooks, so there could be opportunities to collaborate while maintaining social distance

3. Is the technology already set up in the classrooms to accommodate for an AM/PM hybrid situation?
 - a. Yes. Everything is set up and ready to go.
4. In the event a teacher has to quarantine, what does that look like?
 - a. We're trying to figure out every scenario - that is one of them. We have plans developing for a situation where a teacher - for whatever reason - has to quarantine and work from home or other place.
5. How will teacher aids help when in-person resumes?
 - a. Obviously it will look different. We will maintain 6ft apart, be creative, limit numbers of interactions and in classroom / in-person time

RESUME UPDATES FROM PRINCIPAL:

INFO ON COVID FIGURES

On the **district website**, there's great information on figures that influence district decisions on in-person / hybrid / return to learn plans.

- GO TO: District Website > Return To Learn > [Covid-19 Dashboard](#)
- There are zip codes that will give you pin-pointed information on what's happening in our area

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is taken AM and PM

- 4th and 5th graders are doing great at reporting to teachers through Canvas when they're having tech issues
- Younger grades it's more difficult
- Make sure to email your teacher if you do have trouble logging on or any difficulty
- You will receive a call from the front desk if your child is marked absent. Please make sure they log in on time and if there is any difficulty logging in, please email the teacher or notify the front desk so your child isn't marked absent.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

- The Playground - big update, the USA map was re-painted by a Beebe alum
- 4th/5th grade hallway trolley is gone. It looks more like a "coffee house" now with the same raised tables and other seating areas
- Lots of building updates regarding safety and the return to learn - guides and signs, sanitizers and visual cues for students to maintain distance and safety precautions

GRADE PICK UPS

- Friday Oct 30th - KG and 3rd have pick ups
- UPComing: 2nd grade on Monday, another for KG 1st, 4th, and 5th Friday
- Heads up: some will receive musical instruments (egg shakers and rhythm sticks) you may want to take those out of the bag in advance.

EVIDENCE COLLECTION

- Mrs. O'Neil highlighted the unique situation we are in in terms of collecting evidence of learning while remote.
- She noted that teachers have been getting creative.
- This is more difficult for some grades than others like KGers
- Teachers have been asking students to show their work on screen as completed
- Some are asking students to share pictures on SeeSaw
- For many of the younger grade levels, establishing routines has been the priority

REPORT CARDS: DECEMBER 4TH

Mrs. O'Neil advised there will not be as much evidence collection on the report cards and this is ok. Do not worry. If you have questions about how your student is doing, just reach out at any time and ask.

QUESTIONS:

KELLY REIF VP: In the absence of papers being sent home, is there a way for parents to be informed on how their student is doing on weekly assignments?

PRINCIPAL'S REPLY: The best way to get an update like that at this time is to reach out directly to your student's teacher.

<Kelly then confirmed that the musical recorders would not be sent home with 3rd graders at this time>

DANA MALI, SEC: In transition between a sub teacher and PE with Mrs. Warren, my kindergartener noticed he was marked absent as they did the PM roll call. He let me know (to my surprise) so I was able to email Mrs. Warren who then corrected attendance with the front desk. If my Kindergartner hadn't noticed this and informed me, how would I know to correct this?

PRINCIPAL'S REPLY: You would receive a phone call from the front desk and could notify them of the error at that time.

KELLY REIF VP: Are there some students coming into the building at this time?

PRINCIPAL'S REPLY: Yes, some students who are testing for advanced placement, those with special needs, IEPs roughly ten. Aside from Champions which constitute roughly 30.

Treasurer Report: Stacey Schmiedeknecht

-Financials have been sent to the Board via email for review

-Vote to approve the Financials via the Google Form

-Budget Overview

- Current school year
 - We have funds in the bank with no plans to spend at this time.
 - We do want to spend on some items, however, keep in mind that fundraising will be limited this year.
 - Ideas for ways to allocate these resources in this unique time are welcome
- CURRENT BALANCE: \$54,511.51

Cash Reporting (below budget)

- Overview of the current bank balance, outstanding expenses for this school year and accruals to give us a good sense of where we'll start the year financially.

Proposed Budget for the 2020/21 School Year

TARA, H&S PRESIDENT INPUT:

- Thoughts and ideas on ways to celebrate staff while socially distant are welcome. Maybe a box-lunch delivery mid-November?
- One request has come in already and was approved - Hula Hoops for 1st grade teachers to show proper distancing upon return to in-person learning (roughly \$175, granted)
- Wheel of Wisdom has gone virtual -maybe we do a family day with WOW or a trivia option.
- Would we do an evening or day-time event? Do families have the bandwidth to do any more virtual activities?
- How can we help supplement what teachers are doing? As we get closer to winter break, things may get crazy for them.
- Friday November 13th is "Kindness Day" - maybe we can tie into this some how with notes to teacher and staff or a donation drive that benefits Hessed House.
- Dana mentioned Cub Scouts will use Beebe's parking lot to have a contactless food drive thru Nov 14 and 15 - maybe H&S can tie into this?
- TARA suggested for any donation related drives, NEF has been very helpful with other school buildings (NNHS)
- Rennee H. on the Zoom suggested we tie a donation drive into supply pick-ups - so when families are already at the school to get their student materials, they can just drop off donations in one go.
- Sonia on the Zoom suggested we attempt to promote School Spirit to try and create a sense of unity the way One Book One School did - the shirt provided during those events really created a sense that we're all together.
- Tara agreed and mentioned Yard Signs (though expensive) did a great job uniting Naperville North families with positive messaging during this time.

- Stacey S suggested mouse pads could be a great giveaway with positive messaging as many students are using them at home now
- Dana suggested Beebe Stickers for younger students to be handed out
- Tara concluded this by stating - if you have questions, please ask - many times other parents have the same questions and appreciate that others do as well. More ideas are welcome.
- Kelly asked Christine if this was permitted - to include a spirit-themed giveaway in the student pick-ups which Christine said is fine.

CHRISTINE: HOW TO CREATE CONNECTION

The ultimate goal is to have stability. Right now there is too much uncertainty for when/if/how school will resume in-person. As we know, the original date to return was cancelled due to rising COVID cases in the area. Before we can truly plan for some items, we need more stability.

MORE SUGGESTIONS TO CREATE CONNECTIONS:

- Stacy suggested doing a virtual escape room which her kids recently participated in and enjoyed, noting this would be fun to do with classmates.
- As an adult-only activity - maybe a virtual poker night
- A question was asked if there was a plan for morning announcements to return - some really enjoyed these.
- Christine noted these took a lot of effort to produce and there wasn't much feedback or sense that they were helpful to families.
- Someone suggested they could be once a week only and - perhaps - live via zoom
- A question was asked if we'd be able to organize some sort of in-person, socially distant "social" of some kind - maybe even a drive-thru/by so students could see their classmates/teachers in person - noting other schools seemed to have done this.
- Christine noted we need to be careful comparing what other schools have done - especially when they may not be fully adhering to the school district guidelines for social distancing.
- Tara reminded the board there was an email sent with items that need to be signed off on.

ANGIE: YEARBOOK UPDATE

- Since yearbook photos aren't being taken, nor classroom photos, Angie is working on creative solutions to make the yearbook happen.
- Angie will email ideas so it's all in one place
- If you have photos to share with the yearbook, please email to: BeebeHSyearbook@gmail.com
- Suggested creating a Shutterfly or Facebook page to make sharing photos easier

HEATHER: GIFT CARD PROGRAM UPDATE

- This will still be happening.
- Need creative ways for parents to submit payment since they'll be unable to submit by cash or check sent into the school
- Heather needs list of current teachers from Jean
- Gift cards will still come from Downtown Naperville

RESTAURANT NIGHTS UPDATE

- Tara mentioned there is an effort to still make this happen, but it'll look different.
- Restaurants have struggled with different restrictions being implemented over the last 8 months restricting dine-in, including a recent reversal to limit dine-in again.
- The idea was floated to have a "**Reverse Restaurant Night**" where instead of attempting to partner with a chain that will likely be just fine in the long run, we partner with a few local restaurants who have helped us over the years and send business their way from Beebe
- This idea was well received among everyone.
- Stacey suggested Honey Baked Ham as a partnership with the holidays coming up - this way families don't have to double up efforts and, instead, could benefit the school by going to a place they were already going to be utilizing during the holidays.
- A list will be made of those places who would be mutually beneficial in partnering with

STATUS OF CLUBS

- Ideas were thrown out for ways to adapt Art Awareness, Book Club, Run Club including an attempt to have these after school and run by parents or utilize time in the afternoons on Mondays which are currently only asynchronous for all students.
- No firm decision was made at this time, again stressing the need for more stability before we are able to move forward.
- It was noted that all elementary school activities must be virtual - no in-person

TARA - Motion to end meeting needed

MOTION: Dana M.

SECOND: Stacey S.

Committee Reports:

Art Awareness: Tara and Dana are trying to make something of this noting success with a 3rd grade class that zoomed for an art awareness session in the spring time. Mrs. O'Neil said this may be an issue with the new format of teaching as a certain number of teaching hours must be met by teachers - Kelly R suggested utilizing the afternoon time on Mondays that is open during the current teaching plan. Sort of stalled for now. Leaving this link below from the spring notes just in case we can do something with it:

Here is the link to our first Beebe School Art Awareness project: [Art Awareness: LOVE by Robert Indiana](#)

Beebe Color Run:

Beebe Fun Fair:

Beebe Garden: The garden was re-vamped over the summer by an Eagle Scout project. An attempt at a drainage system was made to prevent flooding as well as extensive measures to prevent weeds in the walkways. Some harvesting was done and food donated to Lisle Pantry. Definitely not as much as in years past.

Beebe Gift Cards:

Beebe Has Heart:

Beebe Social:

Birthday Books:

Book Club: Likely not happening at the moment.

Box Tops:

Fall Fundraiser:

Family Events:

Health & Safety:

Learning Commons:

Restaurant Nights:

Room Parties:

School Packets:

SFCP: Leaving this note up from spring 2020: Both chairs are leaving after this year... here is your mentoring opportunity!

Spirit Wear:

Staff Appreciation:

Welcome:

Yearbook:

ZOOM CHAT

From Kelly Reif to Everyone: (4:03 PM)

is that classroom technology paid for by district? or something else?

From heather huether to Everyone: (4:04 PM)

Will the kids sitting in class need to use their Chromebook?

From Kelly Reif to Everyone: (4:16 PM)

don't say recorder...

From Me to Everyone: (4:22 PM)

Haha

From Me to Everyone: (4:32 PM)

Trivia Night sounds fun!

From Renee Herrmann to Everyone: (4:33 PM)

I do like the idea of a donation drive, especially around the holidays. I can imagine many charities are struggling with COVID.

From Lara Knight to Everyone: (4:34 PM)

But the district does that right?

From Renee Herrmann to Everyone: (4:35 PM)

Could we tie them into supplies pick ups?

From Me to Everyone: (4:39 PM)

My 4th grader uses a mouse Good idea

From Annie to Everyone: (4:39 PM)

love the yard sign idea

From Me to Everyone: (4:40 PM)

maybe stickers with Beebe school spirit for the younger kids