

PTO Emergency Executive Board Meeting - Closed Session

Tuesday, June 2, 2020 • 7:00-9:00 PM

Via Zoom Video Conference Due to COVID-19 Shelter Order

Attendance: Michele Tuman, Patricia Balmas, Krissy Zimmer, Tarra Knotts, Cristin Fong, Beccy Howarth, Marisa George, Virginia Clements, Ana Brenner, Julie Tarango, Jonelle Chase, Natalie Abinante

- I. Financial support to continue Seva Steel's assistant administrator position
 - A. Background: Feedback urging district to keep Seva in the position of assistant administrator was given to the district when parent input regarding finding a new principal for OSS was facilitated. That position at all middle schools is being eliminated for the next year's PSD budget, and families sent messages that OSS has had a lot of transition recently and would benefit from an extra year of Seva to help with transition of a new principal. Dr. Olsen explored ways to fund this and came up with a plan that includes \$15,000 from OSS School Site funds, \$15,000 from OSS PTO, and the rest from the PSD budget. Michele Tuman drafted a letter confirming OSS PTO Executive Board's commitment to providing the \$15,000 in order to keep Seva Steel in this position for one year only. This letter was shared with the board members prior to the meeting.
 - B. Discussion occurred questioning the district stipulation that keeping Seva means that OSS will not have a middle school counselor. It was discussed that OSS did not often have a consistent counselor in previous years and that some duties of this position are often done by Seva currently. When more expertise is required, OSS will still have access to a school psychologist and other services.
 - C. Discussion also occurred regarding ensuring that the position would be only for Seva, which seems obvious as this was the initial intent. The position is already hers and so the only change is the funding.
 - D. After discussion, it was approved that \$15,000 will be a line item committed to fund Seva's position in OSS PTO budget for 2020-2021.
- II. PTO Volunteer and Board Member Jobs Election
 - A. Virginia Clements will create a google form for anonymous voting. There is not a contest for the elected positions, but it is a formality to have PTO members approve of members.
 - B. Krissy Zimmer has updated the sign-up genius site for people to continue to sign up for vacant positions, and all the open elected positions will be treated as an appointed position to be voted on at next week's PTO Executive Board Meeting.
- III. PTO General Meeting
 - A. This event will not be a webinar but instead a link to a web page with slides and videos to be watched by families at their convenience. Slides and videos will be sent to Natalie Abinante to compile on a page of the PTO website. It will require a password to access the page to ensure privacy and limit access to only OSS families. The link will be sent to Julie Tarango who will send out an email to

families with the link to the election as well as the link for the PTO General Meeting info.

IV. Roster

- A. Virginia Clements will set up google form to be sent out next week for families to share information for roster for next year.

V. Distance Learning

- A. Discussion occurred regarding the uncertainty of how the beginning of next school year will look.
- B. It was noted that some families have expressed that they are not certain they are comfortable sending their student to school in August, but they are also uncomfortable with losing their place at Ocean Shore if they make that choice. It also affects people's feelings around committing to volunteer if they are not part of the program.
- C. Ways to volunteer will look different next year. It was suggested that classrooms might have a distance learning coordinator that helps the teacher with coordination of the preparation required for distance learning.
 - 1. Julie Tarango will ask staff to think about how volunteers might help them next year.

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