

## Minutes for Roberts Home and School Meeting

5/7/2020

- 1) Attendance: Jackie Barnes, Megan Del Collo, Superintendent Dr. Scott McCartney, Dr. Sandra Alberti, Principal Brian Carter, Lisa Wood, Mindy Hall, Michele Armstrong, Leslie Drexler, Michelle Usle, Nancy Poljak, Emily Dragun, Nicole Anstey, Jen Griffis, Candace Amberg, Christine Parlamis, Jen Scharf, Michelle Orr, lots of others but based on the format it's hard to tell their names
- 2) Meeting Called to Order: 11:03am
- 3) Motion to Approve February Minutes
  - a) 1<sup>st</sup> – TBD
  - b) 2<sup>nd</sup> – TBD
- 4) Speakers:
  - a) Dr. Scott McCartney, Superintendent
    - i) Dr. McCartney invites Dr. Sandra Alberti to speak: thanks all for participating in this virtual meeting; first virtual board meeting last week, 170 people logged in, overall a very positive experience including approving the budget; trying to figure out how best to deliver messages
    - ii) Thank you to all of the teachers and to Home & School; we're all doing our best, trying to navigate something that is new to everyone
    - iii) Point of clarification: it is the Governor's decision to close schools in NJ through 6/30, not the district
    - iv) Difficult to keep enthusiasm and engagement among students and how to we plan to close out a school year virtually – discussion among the administration now – how do we do transitions for the students that are leaving schools or graduating; principals are all working hard on plans to close out the school year
    - v) There is no indication that the state will shorten the school year
    - vi) There will be no school on the Tuesday after Memorial Day (approved at Board meeting)
    - vii) When school reopens, there will most likely not be an option for parents to homeschool through the school system; there is talk about possible variations to full time attendance
  - b) Principal Brian Carter
    - i) 90% of Roberts teachers had never been in a Google classroom at the beginning so we've come a far way
    - ii) Constantly looking for feedback and constantly evolving the way we teach
    - iii) Still trying to have some form of a Unity Day, Memory Books, Field Day, Author Day, Clap Out
    - iv) Science Tellers assembly – a little chaotic but very fun to watch the kids interact
    - v) Kids are exempted from NJSLA testing; MAPP testing will be administered at the beginning of next year
    - vi) End of year grading/expectations: there is a “draft” of what a report card might look like and identifies that we're learning in a remote setting
  - c) Roberts MEA Rep, Lisa Wood
    - i) All of the teachers are so appreciative to all of the parents for all they're doing
  - d) Roberts Guidance Counselor, Mindy Hall
    - i) Thank you parents for getting kids logged on for Google Meets (Lunch Bunches)
    - ii) I'll be posting social/emotional lessons next week so that the kids can work through them
    - iii) The unexpected behavior is totally normal; no one has been through this, including our kids
    - iv) We have a team of people ready to pair up with students who need a little extra help – just reach out
- 5) Chair Report/New Business (Jackie Barnes):
  - a) Thank you's - Boosterthon, STEM Week, Science Tellers and the Paleontologists
  - b) Food for all Fridays – Miss Sally has put her truck in front of Roberts and we'll do it one more time
  - c) Slates for Next Year – need to start thinking about it for next year; sign up genius will be coming out
  - d) Dates to keep in mind:
    - i) Next meeting: TBD
- 6) Meeting Adjourned: 12:02pm
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  - b) 2<sup>nd</sup> : Emily Dragun
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