

EPS PA General Meeting

February 25th, 2021

Claudia Bayer - PA President

Claudia welcomed a group of about 90 parents. She told parents about the Holiday Pause bags that parents generously contributed to and were put together by the appreciation crew in December. She also talked about how well-attended the Winter Celebration was and about the bags of goodies that were created for the parents for the event. Claudia also thanked the Hospitality Committee for organizing and all the channel hosts for hosting parents at the event.

Appreciation Committee put together Valentine day bags recently. Claudia thanked the Appreciation Committee and the parents who contributed to the event.

There are some volunteer opportunities for parents in sports. 120 students are participating in season 1 sports and these teams could use parent support. If you would like to help out by becoming a Team Parent, please reach out to our Sports Rep Jenni Heuberger for more information.
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Claudia is asking parents to reach out to their class reps if they are interested in helping out in a virtual event to host a special interest event (i.e. dumpling making, etc.) Many virtual coffees are happening at all grade levels. Reach out to your rep to find out when the next one is.

EBC info night will be held virtually on March 23rd at 6:30pm.

Our last PA General Meeting of the school year is April 28th.

There will be a Teacher appreciation event planned by the Appreciation Committee in May.

Paul Hagan - Director of Student Well Being

EBC Placement emails are out now. Reach out to Paul Hagan if you don't get an email today.

Clubs – Sam Baldwin is our activities and club coordinator also working with student council.

A rich diversity of clubs are available to help students take a break in the middle of the day. There are 30 student clubs available, so try and nudge your child to join a club, especially when starting a new term.

In-person experiences are being held now and will continue going into week of March 8th. Most of these experiences are pretty full but if you are interested, reach out to Paul Hagan and he will check to see if there are any spots left in the activity you are interested in.

A parent asked if there was registration for EBC for 5th grade. Paul answered that there was no registration for 5th or 6th grade EBC week as they are all attending the same experience together.

Sam Uzwack - Associated Head of School for Middle School & Student Support Services

Sam told us about the Fine and Performing Arts going at EPS. All teachers have been thinking about how to offer these experiences in the hybrid format.

For arts classes, supply kits have been provided and the visual arts team are working on how to make the experience the best it can be.

Sam provided information about the all-school musical and the problem with how to deal with singing. There is consideration to perhaps film each student individually at school and editing it all together.

There is much consideration happening as to how to keep the choir and instrumental music programs safe and vibrant.

Terry Macaluso – Head of School

Terry immediately opened the floor for questions.

A parent asked about the back-to-school plans, will kids have the choice to stay home? Yes, there is a choice for students to stay home if they so choose.

On March 8th there will be a chance to come on campus for orientations to see the new layout and how the flow of walking around campus will be and what lunch protocols will be.

Will temperature checks be required by 8:30 if they don't have a 1st period class? Not now, but it needs to be done before arrival to campus.

When students are back on campus there will be 2-day cycles for attending class and the school will ask for a commitment to either stay at home or come to campus for a period of time in order to be able to adjust for staffing. At regular intervals there will be an opportunity for students to opt-in to come to campus. Opting out will always be an option at any time a student decides they would rather stay home.

Can students on campus eat lunch outside? Yes, but they may have to limit students depending on demand for outside seating.

Will there be a required post spring break quarantine? Yes, a 2 week quarantine is required if crossing the state lines.

Is there an actual date for back to school? On March 8th there will be an optional orientation and then a few more days of online schooling will occur and then we should launch after that but no firm date to announce.

EPS sports and club sports – are students allowed to participate in EPS sports and a club sport at the same time? Yes, but they can only miss up to one EPS practice per week for that outside sport (this is for this year only, it is usually prohibited to miss any EPS practices for another sport.)

When do Middle school sports start? Middle school sports start probably 2nd week of March.

Is the US PE Credit still available for participating in sports this spring? Yes.

Are there practices during spring break and during EBC week? Yes, so some students will miss some of these practices and are excused.

Since there is an overlap between sports seasons can my student participate in back-to-back seasons? Yes – culminating events are in the last week – if your team is in playoffs you stay with that team to the end and then start next season after that – days in season 1 playoffs count towards your practices for season 2.

PCR testing before EBC week? – Probably not, but not sure yet. EPS health team do not see the use of testing as very effective because only a snapshot in time and gives people a false sense of security.

Claudia thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting adjourned 9:35am