

**Cooper Middle School PTO General Membership Meeting
Hosted Virtually
March 1, 2022**

The General Membership Meeting kicked off at 7:05PM

Volunteering Update by PTO President, Julie Ryan

Discussed how you can get involved at both Cooper MS and Langley HS, collecting general volunteer interest for now

Submit interest via online signupgenius form

Cooper also seeking volunteers for 8th grade party, [email Melissa Schwartz](#) if interested

Nominating Committee Election by PTO President, Julie Ryan

President's Remarks - Nominating Committee

- Nominating Committee - purpose is to identify candidates for board positions and committee chairs for the 2022-2023 school year
- Once elected, members of the nominating committee will develop a recruitment plan to fill vacancies for next year.
- They will present a slate of candidates in April to the General Membership.
- In May, the General Membership will vote on the slate and elect officers for the 2022-2023 year.
- The proposed Nominating Committee is as follows:
 - Christina Saxon - Colvin Run
 - Alison Hueber - Churchill Road
 - Linda Campbell - Great Falls
 - May Naddaf - Colvin Run
 - Kellie Gentile - Forestville
- The Nominating Committee will be advised by Margaret Brown, VP of Fundraising



Reviewed the above talking points, then opened the floor to the attendees to address questions (no questions from the audience)

Meeting attendee, Bonnie Myshrall, made a motion to elect the proposed Nominating Committee

Meeting attendee, Melissa Schwartz, seconded motion

A Zoom poll was also launched to solicit meeting attendee agreement (100% or responders agreed)

The motion passed, the nominating committee is now confirmed

Appropriations Update by PTO President, Julie Ryan

President's Remarks - Appropriations Update

- 2021-2022 Appropriations Request Results - Updated
 - The PTO has funded the registration fees for two staff members to attend the Shape America conference in the amount of \$930.
 - The PTO has funded the registration fees for the Robotics club competition and start-up costs in the amount of \$1500.

THANK YOU TO ALL PTO DONORS FOR MAKING THESE PURCHASES POSSIBLE!



Principal Update by Cooper MS Principal, Lisa Barrow

2 story addition coming along, great progress being made

Main hallways and doorways are painted, cabinets are in the process of going in

Tentatively plan to move in to the new space after Spring Break

New space includes science and math classrooms, a sewing classroom, demonstration lab, kitchens, art rooms, library, and small office spaces, as well as multiple stairwells

This summer will be working on tech lab, extending the gym

Cafeteria done this past summer (almost finished), kitchen still to be done

7th grade gym near finished

Renovation expected to be finished by start of the Fall 2023 school year

Q&A

- Will there be more parking for parents?
 - Cooper footprint is very tight, unfortunately no additional parking spaces are planned but we are exploring potential partnership with adjacent space
- Will the courtyard students use for lunch be reopening?
 - This space will be closed until 2023 when fully re-open, piping needs to go underground so has to remain closed, current patio in front of Cooper is half the size of what it will be when completed but do plan to buy furniture for the front and plan to continue to use this space, also plan to establish a privacy fence when full space becomes available
- Will the kiss and ride line be widened to reduce drop off/pick up time?
 - Do not yet know what it will look like, however it will not be on tennis court which is currently temporary, will find out more
- Will there be new tennis courts?
 - They are supposed to replace the tennis courts when construction is complete
- Will there be more handicap access? Distance from the one working elevator to and from classes is difficult and results in tardiness.
 - A new elevator is being installed in the new addition, will re-confirm there will be 2 elevators total for the school.
- When will students get access to lockers?
 - All new builds are only receiving 50% capacity for lockers. Students will get a locker only if they request one. We won't have any use of lockers at Cooper when we move into the new addition because the other part of the building will then be under construction. Recommend even day and odd day backpacks.

Covid Update - Our cases have dropped significantly, with recent changes from CDC and FCPS we will no longer be sending a weekly Friday letter, instead will be sending daily (weekday) updates moving forward.

Our Student Council Association (SCA) is looking into fun social activities for students, more to come but looking into a trampoline park or movie night outing. Gratitude bags were also put together recently, and a Cooper/Longfellow student basketball game and Cooper Student/Staff basketball game is coming up.

Closing Remarks by PTO President, Julie Ryan

Reconvening in April (after Spring Break), slate will be announced. If anyone knows anyone in the community that would make a great addition would love to hear from you. president@cooperpto.org

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43PM

Minutes compiled by Laura Mattis, Recording Secretary