



**Vestal District Council**  
**October 21, 2020**

**Present:** Amy MacDonald, Laura Lamash, Marla French, Mehreen Khan, Regina Felice, Sheri Esteban-Elie, Jessica Zwierzynski, Krista Soltis, Sue Wendell and Becky Kaiven.

**Minutes:** September minutes were approved.

**President's/Treasurer's Report:**

- Member Unit dues for the District Council are \$150.

**Administration: (Regina Felice/Laura Lamash)**

- The NY State Education Department identified five out of seven VCSD schools as Recognition Schools for the 2019-2020 school year. Vestal Hills, Glenwood Elementary, African Road Elementary, Tioga Hills, and Vestal Senior High School received recognition under New York's Every Student Succeeds Act plan.
- Molly Russell and Joan Pokorak, our elementary math specialists, will present a *Eureka Math In Sync* Zoom webinar tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. We are one of the first districts to adopt this online platform.
- Kindergarten Screening that could not take place last Spring is beginning next week.
- We follow all the NY State Department of Health guidelines regarding contact tracing and quarantine if there is a positive Covid-19 case in any of our buildings.

**Board of Education: (Mark Browning)**

- No Report.

**Member Unit Reports:**

**AFRICAN ROAD: (Marla French)**

- We are doing a Save Around fundraiser.
- Our teachers received goodie bags.
- Landscaping to beautify the ARE courtyard continues.
- We have Arts & Crafts, Book Club, STEM Club, and a Cooking Club at ARE. All our clubs are virtual.
- Any student in grades 3-5 will have an opportunity to be part of the Student Council.
- We are thinking about doing a car parade for Halloween.
- Our membership is around 62.

**CLAYTON AVENUE: (Krista Soltis)**

- Our Fund Run is going on. We are looking for local sponsors.
- We are using Venmo to collect funds.
- Trunk or Treat is canceled.
- Our school Spirit Wear Sale is coming up at the end of the month.
- We purchased playground supplies for indoor recess.

**GLENWOOD ELEMENTARY: (Aimee Szwalla)**

- No Report.

**TIOGA HILLS: (Jessica Zwierzynski/ Becky Kaiven)**

- We will be doing a Harvest Luncheon for Teacher Appreciation. Teachers will receive an order ticket for the Chat-A-Whyte restaurant.
- In the future, we might do a Chat-A-Whyte fundraiser.
- We will not have Trunk or Treat and the Fall Fest this year.
- Fall goodie bags will be going home with all the students.
- Our Spirit Wear Sale and Virtual Book Fair were successful.

### **VESTAL HILLS: (Sue Wendell)**

- The Scrip Gift Card and Chipotle fundraisers are coming up.
- They also finished up the virtual Book Fair.
- Our building librarian is spearheading a virtual STEM Night. Around 70 students signed up.
- We are having a pumpkin decorating and carving contest. Participants received a coupon to pick up a small pumpkin from Russell Farms.
- PTA Reflections Program forms have gone out. They are due back in November.

### **VESTAL MIDDLE SCHOOL: (Amy MacDonald/Marla French)**

- Our Vacation Power Pack Program is now called the Pantry Power Pack Program. We set up a Venmo account to collect monetary donations for our Pantry Program. We are also accepting membership dues through Venmo.
- We were gifted a large number of school supplies. We plan to distribute them to all the schools in the District.
- Principal Ann Marie Loose will officially retire on November 13. There will be an interim principal after she retires.
- A Virtual Art Club and Student Council will start soon.
- We have applied to the Southern Tier Tuesdays for a grant. If the grant is approved, we will receive \$2,000 for our Pantry Program.
- Our Virtual Book Fair starts Monday.
- The next PTO meeting is on November 18. The time has moved from 6 to 6:15 p.m.

### **VESTAL HIGH SCHOOL: (Kate Lynch/Sheri Esteban-Elie)**

- We established a Venmo account to collect membership dues and donations. A membership form is also available.
- Kate started a Facebook page for the high school.
- There is a virtual Vestal Voices Cabaret tomorrow.
- Athletic workouts have started.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- None

<b>Officers for 2020-21:</b>	<b>President:</b>	<b>Amy MacDonald</b>
	<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Kate Lynch</b>
	<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Mehreen Khan</b>

The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.