



## Vestal District Council October 20, 2021

**Present:** Amy MacDonald, Becky Kaiven, Jessica Zwierzynski, Kate Lynch, Katie Balkaya, Marla French, Mehreen Khan, Patrick Clarke III, Regina Felice, Shannon Matolka, and Sheri Esteban-Elie.

**Minutes:** September minutes were approved.

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

- Member Unit dues for the District Council are \$150. Please make the check payable to the Vestal District Council, and mail it to Kate Lynch, 17 Overbrook Dr., Apalachin, NY 13732. Thank you!
- Please remember to send the officer contact information list to Reggi for the District Council Directory.
- At our next meeting, Josh Gannon, the Director of Athletics and Physical Education, will talk to us about the Homecoming plan for next year.

### **Administration: (Patrick Clarke III / Regina Felice)**

- Our Instruction Plan for Students in Quarantine is fully operational. It is posted on the Back-to-School 2021-22 webpage on the District website. <https://www.vestal.stier.org/Downloads/Quarantine-Instruction.pdf>
- We are going to allow PTA's to hold outdoor events with all the safety measures in place.
- We wanted to remind parents and other caregivers that Friday, October 22, is an Early Release Day for Vestal students, K – 12... As a result, the middle school will dismiss at 10:45 a.m., the high school at 11:05 a.m. and the elementary schools at 11:50 a.m.
- Part of the locker order for the middle school has arrived, but the contractor is still awaiting the fulfillment of some installation apparatus. Once that is in, the lockers will be installed at night.
- The District is looking forward to cautiously reopening for some events, including musicals and concerts. Two guests per student will be welcomed at these events and will be required to observe social-distancing (six feet apart) and masking requirements.
- The District is being supported by the Broome County Health Department for its COVID-19 testing needs for symptomatic staff, students and families. While it is always best to seek care through primary care providers, including COVID-19 screening and testing, this program is provided as a back-up plan for families and staff who face obstacles to timely testing... Information on this program was posted on the Schools' web and Facebook pages last week.
- In addition, the District is working on a testing program, as required by the State, for staff who did not respond to its request regarding vaccination status. The program will be facilitated by a third party with no cost to the District or to the staff who require testing. It will be provided at one central location within district facilities.
- The October edition of the "Look at Us" newsletter was mailed last week. You may have noticed it was slightly larger in size. This is, hopefully, a one-time anomaly. The print shop has been having difficulty getting in its paper-stock orders and asked us to consider letting them print on the larger-sized paper. As it did not result in higher production or mailing costs, the District agreed so that the newsletter was not held up.
- Beginning October 24, all calls within our 607 area code will need to be dialed with all 10 digits in order for calls to go through. The District website has been updated, but there may have been numbers overlooked, so if you notice any missing the area code, just let me know and it will be added quickly.

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

- No report.

**Member Unit Reports:****AFRICAN ROAD: (Katie Balkaya)**

- Our Walk to School Day was held last week. The kids who walked to school received an apple and a sticker.
- The Pumpkin Run was fun.
- Trunk or Treat is on Friday before Halloween. It is an outdoor event, and all safety measures will be in place.
- Our PTA is partnering with BU to hold weekly Spanish lessons by grade via Zoom.

**CLAYTON AVENUE: (Krista Soltis)**

- No report.

**GLENWOOD ELEMENTARY: (Shannon Matolka)**

- We had Curriculum Night on September 27.
- Our staff enjoyed the Grab & Go Snacks and the Ice cream truck.
- We had a mask sale right before school started.
- The California Grill fundraiser was on September 18. We had a Book Fair and Literacy Lunch.
- The Track Club is up and running.
- One School, One Book is starting again this month.

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

- Our membership drive is wrapping up.
- The Fund Walk was held with all the safety measures in place. It was a hit!
- We have a Tall Pines fundraiser going on for our fifth grade.
- Our Spirit Wear store sale is coming up in collaboration with the Worldwide Sport Supply. It will be open all year long with quarterly deadlines for orders.
- Square 1 Art is going on at the school.
- We had a Book Fair last week.
- Students will receive goodie bags on Friday before Halloween.
- We have Mini-Grants coming up.
- By our next meeting, we will have official bylaws for our PTO.

**VESTAL HILLS: (Sue Wendell)**

- No Report

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

- We had a Virtual Open House.
- Our Building Planning Team meeting will be held after school next Monday.
- We are looking for grants and will do a few fundraisers.
- The Cookie Dough fundraiser will be discontinued.
- We are transitioning back to our Vacation Power Pack Program.
- Our After School Clubs are up and running.

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

- We had an in-person meeting last Thursday at GiGi's Playhouse.
- The JV Boys Soccer tied after double OT. As a result, they are Co STAC Champions 2021.
- The JV Girls Soccer made it to the STAC Championship game.
- Varsity Boys and Girls play Sectionals against ME on October 30.
- Field hockey players made it to the Sectionals.
- Homecoming was last weekend. It was fun!
- Our Valedictorian and Salutatorian have been announced, and Class Ranks went out.
- The Vestal Voices had their first Cabaret. It is available to view on YouTube.
- The Golden Circle of Bands performance was on Saturday. A shout-out to all the parents who helped during the performance.
- We need picture submissions of our seniors for the Yearbook.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

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<b>Officers for 2020-21: 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 7:45 p.m.