



Vestal District Council
September 9, 2020

Present: Amy MacDonald, Sheri Esteban-Elie, Marla French, Mehreen Khan, Regina Felice, Aimee Szwalla, Jessica Zwierzynski and Krista Soltis.

Minutes: February minutes were approved.

President's/Treasurer's Report:

- Kate Lynch was voted in as the District Council treasurer. Thank you to Lisa for your hard work as treasurer!
- Amy MacDonald would like to put together a Parents Toolkit in the form of a website to help the VCSD families navigate through the new school year. Thank you, Amy!
- The Vestal School Foundation is no longer going to exist. They are in the process of disbanding.
- We plan to set up workshops for the parents to facilitate technological formats like Google Classroom and Seesaw.
- Last year, two Vestal High School seniors received a scholarship because of the Midway Lanes fundraiser. We plan to do another fundraiser this year.
- We could not have a formal dinner for the District Council Honorees, but they did receive a gift card, a copy of their write-up, and a note.

Administration: (Regina Felice/Laura Lamash)

- Transportation letters went out on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.
- This year, school events will be posted on the district website calendar two weeks, or a month in advance.
- We will have a six-day school cycle.
- School calendars will be in your mailboxes by Monday. Thank you, Reggi!

Board of Education: (Mark Browning)

- No Report

Member Unit Reports:

AFRICAN ROAD: (Marla French)

- In compliance with the current guidelines, all our PTA meetings, events, and clubs will be virtual.
- The Fall Book Fair will be online.
- They are cleaning up the courtyard and hoping to get the classes out there sometime in the near future.

CLAYTON AVENUE: (Krista Soltis)

- We met in June to put our calendar together. We have not had any meetings yet.
- We might do outdoor events like the Fund Run and Trunk or Treat.

GLENWOOD: (Aimee Szwalla/Mehreen Khan)

- Our next meeting is at the end of September.
- The GSCA organized an online mask sale.
- All GSCA meetings are on Zoom.

TIOGA HILLS: (Jessica Zwierzynski/ Becky Kaiven)

- We had a socially distant lawn meeting to plan out the year.
- Most of our events will be virtual.
- We will not be able to do after-school programs virtually.
- We are thinking about making a website for Tioga Hills PTA.

VESTAL HILLS: (Sue Wendell)

- No Report.

VESTAL MIDDLE SCHOOL: (Amy MacDonald/Marla French)

- All our meetings will be virtual.
- A Video of Orientation for all grades is available on the VMS webpage.

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

- The VHS principal sent an email about the Orientation Webinar.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Due to the unprecedented circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the District Council meeting took place after a seven month hiatus.

NEW BUSINESS:

- On Jessica Zwierzynski's inquiry, Sherri Esteban-Elie explained the pros and cons of a PTA vs. a PTO. She cited the example of African Road Elementary, and their transition from a PTO to a PTA.

Officers for 2019-20:	President:	Amy MacDonald
	Treasurer:	Kate Lynch
	Secretary:	Mehreen Khan

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.