

Red Pine PTO – Work Session

Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2020 6:30 PM

Present: Kerry Lehr, Amy Bailey, Jami Willander, Allie Helgren, Drew Goeldner, Amber, Sara Gurtin, Beth Kaiser, Mindy, Scott, Lece Pogatchnik, Mark Moret, Peg Gust, Amy K, Kelly Frilter

Next meeting: November 5, 2020 6:30 PM

1. Welcome,

a) Introductions

- PTO Members: Kerry Lehr, Amy Bailey, Jami Willander and Allie Helgren.

2. School Reports

a) Principal/Site Council Reports (Drew Goeldner)

- Parent meeting held today at 2 times, no site council this year. 10 AM and 5 PM on same days as PTO meeting, to communicate with and get input from parents.
- Hybrid class sizes (avg) K-19 (A-11, B-8), 1-20 (A-10, B-10), 2-22 (A-11, B-11), 3-27 (A-13, B-14), 4-25 (A-12, B-13), 5-26 (A-12, B-14). Funding 21.5 K-2, 26.5 3-5. Digital Academy K-18, 1-21, 2-26, 3-18+Rosemount Elem, 4-10+Cedar Park (CP Teacher), 5-28. School age care for Tier 1 workers in the school as well.
- Wednesdays – days educators are aligning, connecting, and planning to keep digital academy and hybrid in line.
- All students working in Readers, Writers and Math Workshops and Word study.
- SMASH – acronym in district. Social Distance, Mask Up, Assess Health, Skill Building and Hygiene. @ Recess unless students are exerting a lot of energy, they are asked to remain masked, considered skill building. Hope to take away extra step of safety in the future.
- What we are working on ... routines for at home learning days, supporting students that are out for extended periods, establishing routines at recess to allow masks to be taken off, educating parents on procedures school is required to follow, keeping students in DA connected to school, keeping schools open.
- Questions: 1) Any sense of return to school/fulltime? Can't go from hybrid to full time and keep going back and forth, not sustainable, will lose staff (open positions right now, and not receiving applications). Case numbers for county look at trends, not just the newest release. Developing an idea on what the trend is – big picture. 2) Speaking from experience, Mark shared implications for students that may have other illnesses but need to be cleared before returning to school. Teachers and

office staff did a great job working with them to get assignments for the students to keep up. 3) What is the protocol if a student has a cold? Big worry right now with MDH, with certain symptoms being for multiple illnesses. Check newsletter for safety protocols, processes, and procedures. 4) Jami thanked teachers and staff for a great job. What will we do going forward with backpacks – they are very heavy for kids, as the weather gets colder they will require more items (coats, snowpants, boots). Working on getting plastic totes for students that they can keep items in at school.

3. Committee Updates

a) Spirit Wear – staff may find a way to broaden out what they do and extend to the students. Drew will reach out to Kristen Henning as she organizes for teachers. At this time PTO has made no plans for spirit wear for this school year.

b) Boosterthon – updates from Mark, Mindy and Lece. 3rd year with Boosterthon, no selling and making more money to use on items for our school than previous fundraiser. Boosterthon earnings go to School/activity support, grade level projects, educational apps, teacher/staff appreciation, PTO operating expenses. Week of fundraising by kids getting pledges, Boosterthon staffs the event – coming into classrooms, pep rally type activities, with social distancing there will not be a fun run, virtual dance is the substitute activity. Considered going with a less involved approach, would require more work from parents/teachers, we keep a larger % of funds raised. Will run October 19-30, we have 2 options to choose from. DIY (\$1000 deposit, 76% goes to school – nothing is customized, need more volunteers), Full package (\$2000 deposit, 56% goes to school – custom pep rally videos and content, might be more engaging for Digital Academy). **VOTE: 10/16 Approved to move forward with full package option.**

4. Treasurer's Report (Jami Willander)

- Cash Balance of \$24,563 as of 6/30/2020
- ADD: Corporate Donations, Amazon Smile.
- LESS: 5th grade class tile project, class party money reimbursements, PTO Manager software manager, 2019-2020 Red Pine Scholarships.
- Cash Balance as of 10/1/2020 \$21,569 including special designations. \$11, 869 after special designations are subtracted.
- Pending Items: Grade level requests, Boosterthon deposit, 5th grade celebration, tax completion, remaining class party money. Class Party Money (leftover money from 2019-2020 goes with the kids to the next grade) 1st Grade \$78, 2nd Grade \$25, 3rd Grade \$6, 4th Grade \$383, 5th Grade \$550. 2019-2020 5th Grade had \$537 remaining – will be used towards end of year celebration, should be paid soon.
- Projected Cash Left to Spend: \$3,483

5. Open Forum/New Business

- **Kerry** - provide who we are, what we do, how to get involved, committees etc. Print out to send home or link in newsletter with google doc to sign up.
- **Kerry** - Provide a list and possibly improve the list of corporate donations, provide to family.
- Will we do student directories? Yes, **Drew** to start to work on this.
- My Payments Plus – **Drew/Janie** will continue to investigate this as time permits, use for parents to pay for items like field trips, class party money etc. instead of cash/check.
- Will there be any standardized tests this year? Waiting to hear from the state.