

# Red Pine PTO

## Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2019 6:30-8:00 pm

Present: Kerry Lehr, Amy Bailey, Jami Willander, Allie Helgren, Drew Goeldner, Mark Moret, Chris Bates, Bonnie Rindahl, Emily Rasmussen, Mindy Ferguson, Kelly Nguyen, Peg Gust, Lece Pogatchnik, Amy Kishel, Kelly Robertson, Dee Goers, Jenn Satre, Paul Maniffa, Catherine Garrity.

Next meeting: October 3, 6:30 pm Red Pine Media Center

### 1. Welcome, Introductions

### 2. School Reports (Drew Goeldner)

#### a) Principal/Site Council Reports – Drew Goeldner

- New Red Pine website is up, check it out! [rp.district196.org](http://rp.district196.org)
- 25<sup>th</sup> year school year, monthly celebrations. 10 teachers/staff here since the first year!
- More supervision outside of the school before/after school, helping with safe entrance/exits.
- Clerk position lost due to budget costs this year, teachers covering recess or lunch. Grades 2/5 teachers do recess with their class, other grade levels are in lunchroom with students.
- Staffing ratios (Grade Total Students # Classes Avg Size):  
K 118 (5-23.6), 1 115 (2-23), 2 124 (5-24.8), 3 110 (4-27.5), 4 134 (5-26.8), 5 129 (4.5-28.7). 5<sup>th</sup> has 4 classes, 32-33/class, with .5 position added, allowing 5 sections in Reading and Math. Ideal is K-2 23.5, 3-5 28.5.
- Levy Referendum presentation. 4<sup>th</sup> largest district in MN, 29,000 students in district. 16 consecutive Certificates of Excellence in Financial Reporting.
- If levy is passed, \$7 million in budget adjustments implemented for 2019-2020 would be restored.
- Projected growth for 196 in next 5 years is 3000 students. Estimated class sizes would be K-2 21 and 3-5 26, if levy passes. [www.District196.org/Levy2019](http://www.District196.org/Levy2019)

#### b) Teacher Reports - None

### 3. Committee Updates

None

### 4. Secretary's Report

May 2019 meeting minutes approved and submitted June 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **5. Treasurer's Report**

Jami Willander provided a printout of the current Financial Report. 2018-2019 Ending Cash Balance was \$34,714. Current as of 9/10/19 is \$28,399, less special designations (required minimum balance \$5000 and Gary Anger scholarship \$4700) = \$18,699.

## **6. Open Forum/New Business**

- a) Boosterthon – sponsorship for t-shirts in future years? (Roughly \$3000, covered by PTO from Boosterthon earnings 2018-2019.) Does this take away from the Health Fair in the spring? Health Fair is 100% sponsorships. Look at adding more committee members for Boosterthon, and discuss with Health Fair committee to work together, potentially divide sponsorships? Incorporate 25<sup>th</sup> Year in shirt design and provide shirts to teachers and students.
- b) Is there a large item that we could use excess money from the Boosterthon from? Ideas include Hydration Station, modification to toilet seats for smaller populations, automatic paper towel dispensers, water faucets. Additional funds to teachers for classroom needs. Drew will speak with Mark to get ideas – is this capital improvement (aging water faucets)?
- c) Add AmazonSmile and Corporate match information to newsletter, Drew can include something in a weekly Principal email. Possibly add information to PTO site with instruction.

## **7. Adjournment**