

**Field School PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)**  
**Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 7pm (via Zoom)**

**I. Call to Order/Welcome – 7:07pm**

In Attendance: Katharine Wagner, Kate Blythe, Kelly Asseff, Nadine Pizarro, Liz Roder, Heidi Thomas, Susan Larrick, Tarris Turek, Lauren Johnson, Trish Poulson, Heather Stotts, Genius Chaudhry, Mandy Puchalski

**II. Approval of Minutes**

- a) Motion to approve 4/13/21 Meeting Minutes (as amended) by Susan Larrick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tarris Turek, motion passed.

**III. Principal Report – Heidi Thomas**

- a) Teachers felt very loved and cared for during Teacher Appreciation Week, which went very well.
- b) Official IAR testing is done, just have some makeup tests to complete. Benchmark testing going on through Fountas & Pinnell.
- c) Lots of fun things planned for end of year including Field Day.
- d) Lunch and recess have been going smoothly and working well with just one grade level at a time.
- e) Mrs. Thomas will be meeting with new Superintendent Dr. Campbell next week.
- f) Health class is being added next year as one of the Specials.
- g) Thank you to everyone involved with PTA!

**IV. Executive Committee Reports**

**a) President – Katharine Wagner**

1. School supply kits are available for order until July.
2. Room Parents are planning end of year parties, which can be held either by class or whole grade together.
3. Thank you to everyone on the Executive Committee, to Mrs. Thomas, and to all who have helped this year!

**b) Treasurer – Kate Blythe**

1. Updated budget shared, we are in good shape!
2. Field Follies raised \$2242 – thank you to FF Committee Chair Kelly Asseff.
3. Eat & Earn's have been great fundraisers this year.
4. Custodial and Office Staff appreciation gifts (Target gift cards) were given during Teacher Appreciation Week this year instead of at Christmas time. Mrs. Thomas should be asked if there is a preference for next year as to which time of year PTA should give these out.
5. Kate has met with the incoming treasurer, Genius Chaudhry, and will be working with her on the treasurer transition.

**c) Membership – Liz Roder**

1. No updates.

**d) Programs – Nadine Pizarro**

1. Laser Show is scheduled for next Tuesday. There will be 6 shorter shows offered so each grade level will have its own time slot.

**e) Ways and Means – Kelly Asseff**

1. An Eat & Earn at Kilwin's is being looked into still for May.
2. Kelly will work with Liz Roder on transition for Ways & Means.

## **V. Standing Committees**

### **a) Teacher Appreciation Week – Heather Stotts and Sarah Jensen**

1. Teacher Appreciation Week was well received and the teachers' lounge has been stocked one last time. Raffle winners were announced to the teachers for their prize baskets and have been picked up.

### **b) Walk/Bike to School – Tarris Turek**

1. The event was great and weather was very nice. Coffee was provided for parents, and something different was done this year with giving students a stress ball/squishie (extras were given to Ms. Salaman to use).
2. This is an easy event to coordinate and whomever takes it over next school year can ask Tarris about it. It is important to get 2 extra bike racks for day of event.

### **c) Fifth Grade End of Year Activities**

#### **1. Fifth Grade Performance – Tarris Turek**

- Everything is coming along very well, pretty close to budget. Out of 62 students, there have been 60 videos submitted. Lots of creative entries, more individual entries than groups.
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade yard signs have been delivered to all families. There is a template at school for the kids to sign, which will be screen printed onto t-shirts and given to the 5<sup>th</sup> graders on the last day of school. Parent letters are being collected and will be given on the last day of school.

#### **2. Fifth Grade End of Year Party – Heather Stotts and Mandy Puchalski**

- Class party/picnic will be on Tuesday, May 25 from 11-2:30pm. Students will leave at 10:45am to walk over to East End Park. District food service will be providing a free lunch, or students can bring their own lunch. Six feet apart rule will be in place while eating lunch, and students will stay with their own classes for lunch. There will be an ice cream truck.
- Several outdoor activities will be offered and students can pick what they want to do. There will be a craft area for students to decorate a feather that will then be put on a stretch canvas, which will look like Field falcon wings and will be used for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders to take pictures with at the last day Clap Out.
- Prior parent feedback is that the Clap Out goes so fast and some parents miss seeing their kids, so this year there will be a red carpet and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will individually come out with parents spaced out to see. Each 5<sup>th</sup> grader will pause in front of the stretch canvas Field falcon wings and picture taken.
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade parent Cat Widuch is a photographer and has offered to take pictures.

### **c) Running Club – Audra Stanley**

1. There have been 48 runners signed up, including students and teachers, for the virtual marathon.

**d) Yearbooks – Audra Stanley**

1. There have been 267 yearbooks sold. Audra would like to thank Trish Poulson, Karen Grogan, and Tanya Britton for all of their help putting the yearbook together.

**e) Reflections – Michelle Wehrle**

1. Replacement chair is needed for next school year.
2. Each year there are over 300,000 students nationally who participate in the Reflections Program. This year Elmhurst had 85 participants, with 22 advanced to the State level, 5 received Honorable Mention at the State level, and 4 advanced to the National level. **Field School** had 11 participants, which all advanced to the Council level, 6 advanced to the Regional level, 2 advanced to the State level, and 1 advanced to the National level.

**VI. New Business**

- a) Motion to approve purchase of new refrigerator for Teacher’s Lounge not to exceed \$500, by Liz Roder and 2nd by Tarris Turek. Motion passed.

- b) Swearing-in for 2021-2022 Field PTA Executive Committee:

President: Trish Poulson

President-Elect: Mindi Honken

Co-Secretaries: Julie Prather and Katharine Wagner

Treasurer: Genius Chaudhry

Membership: Lauren Johnson

Programs: Kelly Assef

Ways and Means: Liz Roder

**VII. Upcoming Event Dates/Reminders**

- a) May 12<sup>th</sup> – LATE START
- b) May 15<sup>th</sup> - Deadline for SERG “Yes I Can” Award Nominations
- c) May 16<sup>th</sup> – REACH Parent Meeting

- d) May 18<sup>th</sup> – Laser Show for Field students
- e) May 21<sup>st</sup> – Kindergarten End of Year Party
- f) May 24<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade End of Year Party
- g) May 25<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade End of Year Celebration & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade End of Year Party
- h) May 26<sup>th</sup> – FIELD DAY!
- i) May 27<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade End of Year Party
- j) May 28<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of School (half day)

### **VIII. Adjournment**

- a) Motion to adjourn by Tarris Turek, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kelly Asseff, adjourned at 8:11pm.