

Red Pine PTO – Work Session
Meeting Minutes, October 7, 2021 @ 6:30 PM CST

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Present: Amy Bailey, Mark Moret, Amber Fagan, Beth Kaiser, Drew Goeldner, Lee Pogatchnik

Next Meeting: Thursday October 7, 2021, 6:00 pm

1) Welcome and Introductions

2) Principal's Update (Drew Goeldner)

- COVID email sent out. An email is sent out to the class specific. Our District has purchased home COVID Kits. It is an option for parents to come and pick up the COVID test.
- Friday Email will detail out some of the guidelines if a COVID case does impact your student.
- How are we handling students who are out due to being sick?
 - Student only who have tested positive has to quarantine because we as a school we are wearing masks.
 - Teachers will reach out to the students parents and figure out n action plan for the days that the student is out of class. We are not able to switch to online like we were able to like last year.
 - Homework will be sent out, but there are not any scheduled Zoom times. It's items they can do on their own. Teachers will connect with the student throughout the quarantine to make sure they are doing ok.
- If there is more than 1 positive case in a class. That class will get pulled out of the lunchroom or eat outside, there will be a 2nd HEPA Filter in the room and spread the desks a part. The school is taking more steps to try and minimize more positive cases.
- What the school is doing now it seems to be working. The school does have different steps to take with whatever could potentially happen in the future.
- Harvest party – Each grade will have a party. They get to wear a costume. There just isn't parade.
- We can't have volunteers in the building. The different between the school day and evening. Evening is optional.
 - Discussed having a PTO sponsored event, but we could potentially have to cancel due to weather. Decided against it this year. Not enough time to plan an event.
- Discovering that each grade level has unique needs.
 - You can't assume that grade levels have the soft skills they need. How do you play with kids outside/ How do you exist in a classroom with 20 human beings? Its fascinating to see. There is a lot of similarities that we've done in the past but

also new things that we have had to adapt to and it's going well. Just happy that the steps we are doing with staying in school will help the students this year and future.

- Just being in school each day some of the students are improving academically with big leaps. Consistency being in school is impactful.
- We are rolling out MyPaymentPlus next year. Still looking into specifics.

3) Treasurer's Reports (Amber Fagan)

- Cash Balance of \$36,369 as of 9/16/21, including special designations (Minimum Required Bank Balance of \$5000, Gary Anger Scholarship Fund (\$4500 = \$9500). \$25,864 after special designations are subtracted.
- Kiln Repair: \$1160
- No separate accounts for School Arts nights, Boosterthon, Color Run etc. Create a budget for the year for the needs for the current year.
- Only separate account for Special Designations.
- ADD: \$ Donations (AmazonSmile, Thomas Reuters, Garten's, Box Tops, Benevity Community Impact Fund)
- Less: \$1,245 (Party money reimbursements, Welcome Back Event Costs, Reading Recovery Books)
- Pending: \$2,389 (USA Inflatables, Party Money Reimbursements)
- Cash Balance of \$23,475 as of 10/7/21 (including special designations)

4) New Business (ALL)

- Boosterthon Update
 - Slow start – we don't have a lot of people registered, but we haven't even had the kickoff.
 - Whatever PTO posts than Red Pine can also post it on their Facebook Page. Mr. Goeldner will start with the Phone Blasts, Text, and Email. Can teachers send it via SeeSaw?
- Spirit wear – Boosterthon – no overhead.
 - Get approval from the staff of what we are going to use. Is it stuff that the staff wants?
 - If they want to do it before the holidays, when would you need it by because of the supply chain issues.
 - Boosterthon: Running Time: 9:40 – 10:25am 4th & 5th grade. 10:30-11:15am 2nd & 3rd grade. 12:00 pm -12:45 pm Kindergarten & 1st Grade.
 - Parents can watch. Mr. Goeldner will be sending out a note about the times.
 - Fun environment – Boosterthon does a great job at hyping up the kids.
 - Day before MEA – will there be a lot of kids gone?
 - What was registration was like in the past? That dashboard has a lot of data since the first year, but it doesn't have that by day. Shows pledges historically. As of 4 pm today we were at 10% registered.

- School Needs/Requests
 - STEM Lab?
 - Other Ideas
- Committee Updates
 - School Party – Grade level grand total. Next year we will be asking the same amount from the whole school. No change this year in amounts requested per grade level, but we will make the change of giving a total amount and each teacher within that grade level can take from that. If a grade goes over PTO will still reimburse.
 - Grade level Designations are different for every grade. There are different needs and different price points. i.e. Kindergarten has the red shirts, 4th grade Artist in residence. **Change in process:** Drew will meet with the Class Leads and ask them to draft a list of what they need, and a budget will be created from that. How will Supply Change affect this so we can budget for it.
 - Mason jar: Takeout Tuesday 3PM – 8PM/Mention Organization/Red Pine 20% funds. Day to do it? Looking at the Wintertime. They do a good job with their takeout food. They have bundles and have embraced takeout.
 - Hospitality/Conferences coming up – Lindsey and Andrea volunteered to take this on.
 - Conferences will be in person unless a parent requests in person.
 - IDEAS for conference times -
 - CoffeeCart – coffee truck
 - Ask for people to donate money and order food (PTO to fill in the GAP)
 - Ask for pop, chips, snacks etc (Signup genius)
 - How many people – Around 50 people
- Spring Event
 - Part of Spring Arts Nights – Had a theme Baskets for raffle – TBD (Volunteer creates the baskets- getting people to organize it). Then there is a silent auction. i.e. Parking, front row to the music concert. Every student has a piece of artwork hanging up in the school.
 - Color Run pair it up with another event. Food trucks, inflatables, etc or incorporate it with Spring Arts Nights.
 - Turkey Bingo is a go.

Future Agenda Items

- Budget creation