

Red Pine PTO – Work Session
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Present: Amy Bailey, Mark Moret, Amber Fagan, Beth Kaiser, Drew Goeldner, Mary Arneson, Kate Amly

Next Meeting: Thursday March 3, 2022 @ 6:30 pm

1) Welcome and Introductions (ALL)

2) Principal's Update (Drew Goeldner)

- Slowing positive case count of positive. Mondays are always busy with the students call in. Today was the first day we were fully staffed for this year
- A BIG Thank you to John Tschohl – This week he stepped in as a sub. Very appreciated for this extra staff member because he helped with keeping Red Pine fully staffed. He also was the person who repainted the front Red Pine sign.
- Parent Teacher conferences next week. Book Fair Next week. Finally, something normal.
- Red Pine is letting the parents choose if they want an in-person or zoom conference.
- Cyber Bullying: My. Goeldner this past week was made aware in the past few weeks that there has been some cyber bullying either via text or within games/apps on their electronics. Legally even if students are off school grounds and the school is made aware of cyber bullying is taking place Mr. Goeldner and the school must investigate it. There are apps and games that have chat function that students can utilize.
 - My Goeldner and staff are talking through that once you press send you can't get it back. Do not send anything that you feel uncomfortable with an adult seeing it. Resetting with the students on electronics. Children are tech savvy.
- Twins game – 5th Graders sing National Anthem.
- Staffing process begins next week for 22/23 school year. Attendance is in an upswing. With this upswing the probability of having 5 Full-Time specialists next year is very high.
- Kindergarten Registration is in 2-3 week.
 - Mr. Goeldner has access to a database that shows how many households has Kindergarten aged children.
 - 2020-2021 data listed 138 children kindergarten age. 2021-2022 data show 135 children kindergarten age
 - Every year we lose a few Red Pine kindergarteners to magnet schools, private schools, or parents hold their child back another year.
- Ski Club Stipend: PTO pays the Skill Club Coordinator for 4th & 5th graders for their time and effort. Thank you, Mrs. Henning, for all your hard work. Students love this club. The coordinator spends time communicating with Buckhill, parents, problem solving, etc. Treasurer to submit the request and send check to Mrs. Henning.

4) Treasurer's Reports (Amber Fagan)

- Budget Update:
Cash Balance of \$64,530 as of 1/2/22, including special designations (Minimum Required Bank Balance of \$5000, Gary Anger Scholarship Fund of \$5000, and Emergency

Fund of \$5000).

ADD: Party money and Corporate Donations

Less: Party money reimbursements, Scholastic Scholarships, Boosterthon shirts,
Returned Check fees

Cash Balance of \$47,944 after special designations and Add/Less are
subtracted. Pending: \$1,004 Conference Meals

Cash Balance of \$46,940 as of 2/3/22 (including special designations)

5) Old Business

- Fundraising – Mason Jar Fundraiser was Successful. Red Pine was the top 3rd of how many orders and volume that they've seen. Thank you, Red Pine Community! Will plan to have that event next school year. We received \$265.15
- Conference Meals: Wednesday PM Ansari's, Thursday Mason Jar – Total amount for Meals \$1,003.66 + Approximately \$120 for drinks/snacks staff can enjoy. Take photos of the spread. Want to market the PTO.
- Class/Grade Support & Literacy Library:
 - Educational book company. Mrs. Robertson has identified the books needed to purchase. Total around \$5500 for books and \$400 shipping.
 - I Love to Read Month Prizes: Request from Mrs. Robertson for the PTO fund the prizes. PTO Approved
 - Mr. Goeldner can approve requests for the class/grade funding that we have already talked about. i.e., Mrs. Henning: Kindergarten Red Shirt order.
 - Next year PTO will be looking early in the year on how the funds will be used. More funds to the Stem Lab etc. How to allocate the funds each year differently. Focusing on different areas within the school.

2. New Business (ALL)

- School Wide Events:
 - Red Pine Spirit Store –
 - CA Gear will be setting up the storefront 2/7/22. They need to finalize what they have on hand due to supply issues. If they don't have it in the warehouse, they aren't going to post it. T-Shirts, LS Shirts, Pants, Sweatshirts Youth and Adult. Custom apparel down in Rosemount. Run 10-14 days. Gross proceeds kick 12% back.
 - Proceeds going to STEM Lab for Legos. Mrs. Skalski
 - Popcorn Day at Red Pine – PTO to supply.
 - Mr. Goeldner and Mrs. Robertson will discuss a February date to align with I Love to Read Month. We also want to make sure that there is staff buy in. We want this to be a fun event. If it is not feasible for February, we are open to other dates.
 - Spring Arts Night – 2021 Spring Art nights will be different. Prior years the planning needed to start this past summer. Planning couldn't happen because of the pandemic and unsure of what it would look like

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- Discussion about 2022 Spring Art night ideas:
 - Do a grade level basket that is paired with the concert. Mini silent auction at every grade level.
 - Con – If COVID does spike again what do we do with the baskets if the concerts are cancelled. Virtual platform has a fee plus additional work.
 - Talked about the history of the baskets with Spring Arts Nights Every grade had a theme – every classroom is assigned a theme within that theme. Anyone can donate to the basket.
- Community Events: We want to bring communities back together. We've lost momentum with COVID and disconnected. Ideas brought up.
 - Family Friendly Movies/PTO Sponsored (rent an inflatable screen. Screen the movie outside and provide snacks)
 - Music Concerts: If we are having these concerts what can we support during those concerts instead of the community events?
 - Does the music concerts have themes – can we coordinate it to the theme. Social hour afterwards or drinks/snack align with theme?
 - Grade level teacher gift. Matted frame that students/parents can write a thank you the night of concern. PTO/Staff take classroom photo.
- End of Year Celebration
 - Date: Friday, June 3rd (Tuesday, June 7 rain date).
 - Mr. Goeldner will confirm date.
 - Each grade level will come out at a specific time.
 - Parents can attend and having it on a Friday we hope it will help parents attend it easier.
 - Mr. Goeldner suggested that the grade level times is during their specialist time. Each grade gets 50 minutes for the event. 40 Minutes of fun (5 minutes to set it up and 5 minutes to get inside).
 - No Food trucks, but Mr. Goeldner has talked with Ms. Rosa about that day having the Carnival Menu. Keep in mind that there is supply chain issues so the menu may look a little different than normal.
 - If the staff wants to add to that day with activities, etc. draft up a wish list of items.
- Other:
 - Twins Game (5th Grade)
 - Found two new co-chairs: Jackie Nelson & Laci Jepsen
 - Red Pine Families can purchase tickets at a discounted price to attend.
 - Game is a Saturday night @ 6:10 pm.
 - PTO approve the purchase of new artwork for the Office.