

Ryerson Executive Board Meeting- Minutes

September 27, 2021 @ 6pm

1. Welcome
2. Reports:
 - a. Principal: Successful back to school evening, good participation and good feedback has been given. Need to speak about assemblies and in house experiences. Question of if winter workshops and after school activities would be able to continue this year. Would like to continue in appropriate measures. April Book Fair is planned with Scholastic. Looking for one more room parent in Mrs. Barnikow's room. Walk to school event coming up Friday October 1 for second and third. Monday is K and first grade. Parents should park on Lenore Drive. No school October 11 for students Teacher Parent Conferences are coming up October 20-21. Will be virtually done.
 - b. Treasurer
 - i. Dues Update: Opening balance: 9510; 5,545 in dues has been collected so far. With anticipated fundraisers and outgoing expenses show that we are currently trending toward 8,399.51 final budget. This is flexible and dependent on other fundraisers.
 - ii. Spirit Wear Update: Participation is up from last year. Wednesday/ Thursday this week it will be ready to be sorted and will be distributed to school early next week. Will post to parents to check on spirit wear being a gift vs being delivered to student backpacks.
3. Administrative:
 - a. Funding "in-house" field experiences
 - i. Typically \$5-\$10/student:
 - ii. two separate funding areas (field trips/experiences and assemblies)- can be provided in a lump sum or per experience; need to decide how that will be line itemed into the financials.
 - iii. Question of off campus field trips? Currently not planning for off campus trips for the elementary school population due to safety concerns and health risks. Keeping a conservative stance at this time. Keeping discussion open however so that ideas can be revisited throughout the year.
 - b. Ryerson spirit wear (& Distribution): see above notes

- c. Clarify room parent communication role: Need one more in Ms. Barnikow's class. Parents have worked on compiling class communication lists and collaborating with the teachers on this. Room parents will be forwarding important communications, arranging donations and volunteers as needed throughout the year. They should also be attending the PTO mtg's so that they can relay information to their class parents. Help to gather photos for the yearbook throughout the year. New people signing up on the PTO FB page as well.
- d. MCM Lyman Pie & Cookie Dough Fundraiser (& Distribution): has shared this information through FB and through room parent communication. Encouraging electronic purchasing of these items. Paper handouts will go home with students in the backpack as a reminder.
 - i. Order dates are 9/24 - 10/8
 - ii. Distribution on 11/2
 - iii. Closer to the distribution date sign ups will be sent out for volunteers to help organize and distribute the day of.

4. Upcoming Events:

- a. Dr. Cooke, Zoe Roos, and BOE Chairman Galen Crawley are scheduled to attend our Nov. 15th PTO Meeting. They will present and discuss the Building Referendum with our school community.

5. New Business:

- a. Will there be an opportunity to safely bring fan favorites like the laser light show, magic show, the talent show or other assemblies to the students this year? Currently looking into and pricing out. Possible art show or talent show- cannot commit at this time due to the amount of expected people. Would have to look at a different venue if it is planned. Typically springtime events- but should look soon to reserve a larger venue such as Polson. Looking at ways to hold a talent show with covid safety protocols.
 - i. Will discuss the Halloween Magic Show and get back to Mrs. Spooner this week to finalize that vote for the school planning.
- b. PRC Meeting: quarantine procedure changed; 11/9 mtg on the building project; public forum on 10/26. Important for the PTO to let others know how to be informed of these upcoming important votes, but not to try and influence decisions of others. Working on sub committees in the PRC- Political Action Committee; Elementary taking on the PTO Best Practices Task Force.