

Thursday September 15, 2022 @ 6:30 PM CT

Present: Amy Bailey, Beth Kaiser, Tony Washington, Miranda Kirsch, Melissa Arnot, Kelly Robertson, Sarah, Jackie, Jenny, Laurel

Next Meeting: Thursday October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### **1) Welcome and Introductions (ALL)**

### **2) Principal's Update (Tony Washington) –**

Excited to be the Principal of Red Pine Principal. We have a great staff and building. We are off and running with a great year! We are at 730 students. 2022-2023 school year we were forecasted to enroll 650 students. Enormous population boom at the end of July. We added three new sections/teachers: Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> Grader, and 4<sup>th</sup> Grader.

- Multiple factors for growth/ increase population in our school district. Dissolvement of 196 online.
- Capacity of 1000 for this school district.
- The district is aware of the population of all schools, and they will keep an eye on it. District will give data early spring.
- We received a grant for a GAGA Pit
- 16 new staff hired (8 paras, 4 center based special ed teachers, 4 classroom teachers).
- Welcome Back event was a success.
- New Hire - Assistant Principal – Ali Puttonen. She came from Deerwood (peer leader for 4 years). Strong in Instructional leadership.

### **3) Treasurer's Reports**

- Budget Update:  
Cash Balance of \$51,299 as of 5/9/22, including special designations (Minimum Required Bank Balance of \$5000, Gary Anger Scholarship Fund of \$3800, and Emergency Fund of \$5000, Red Pine Scholarship \$2000.
- Less: Party Money Reimbursements, PTO Software renewal, Welcome Back Event, End of Year, Drum Kit, Grade 5 Shirts, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Books, Speaker for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, & Bare Books
- More: Donations (Amazon Smile, Cybergrants, frontstream), Gertens, inflatables refund (end of year), Boxtops, & Twins reimbursement
- Cash Balance of \$23,588 after special designations and Add/Less are subtracted.

### **4) New Business:**

- Upcoming Events & Ways to Get Involved
  - i. Boosterthon:
    1. We have looked at other options. Do we do a direct drive. We opted to keep Boosterthon this year because we do not have a lot of volunteers to take on this fundraising event on our own. It is a fun

- event and parents can attend and watch the event. We are always open to looking at other avenues to generate money. We struggle with the prizes – the more money the more prizes. They get the prizes in the classroom in front of everyone. We asked them to not do that, so we are trying to get it to be more discrete. We do not let Boosterthon let the classrooms compete against each other. They measure by grade only. They give us everything. Videos, themes, t-shirts.
2. What is the school wide incentive. Pie Mr. Washington and Specialists Who pies them? One per grade or create an obstacle course for Mr. Washington to run through
  3. Sept 27<sup>th</sup>: Registration Opens on MyBooster.com
  4. October 11<sup>th</sup>: Kickoff Day
  5. Volunteers to help distribute prizes
  6. Oct 19<sup>th</sup>: Fun Run at Red Pine
- ii. Conference Meals for Teachers/Staff:
    1. November 2 (dinner) & November 3 (Lunch)
    2. Catered vs. Family Donations
      - a. Last year we paid for everything. We had some donations for drinks, but we catered in two different restaurants. In the past we had potluck with people bringing things in. We have money and happy to donate the meals. We will send out emails requesting drinks and desserts. Miranda will organize the food. Order what you want.
  - iii. PTO Committees
    1. Using Microsoft Forms to collect names & committee interest
      - a. We have had some interest this year. Picture day spots and Library helpers. Will continue to publicize we need volunteers.
    2. Looking for 1-2 people to manage social media
- School Needs & Ideas for Funding
    - i. Brainstorm & share ideas to enhance Red Pine
    - ii. Teacher Gift cards:
      1. \$75 to Target or Amazon
        - a. Do we wait until after Boosterthon or do we want to provide now?
    - iii. Headphones: For those that do not have them or if they forget them at home. Still discussing.
  - 2022-2023 Red Pine PTO Budget
    - i. Tentatively set & allocate funds

## 5) Open Forum:

- What is the biggest need for volunteers?
  - i. Spring Art Nights – If we bring it back. We need to have a teacher or two owning this event with a lot of volunteers. Every student had art, basket auction in the gym, food trucks, silent auction, music. Planning started in Fall. It is a big event. DO we want to change it? We raised 10K+ that went back to the arts. Last year we had planned a specialist night but than it go cancelled. Do we go that route again or is someone willing to do the Spring Arts Night.

- ii. Art Adventure
- iii. Color Run – Health and Wellness – Do we bring this back this year?
- What PTO paid for last year:
  - i. Contributions were the resource library.
  - ii. Bought a new set of drums for the music room.
  - iii. Paid for the Welcome back event and End of Year Celebration.
  - iv. Bought new books for 5<sup>th</sup> grade (reading groups)
  - v. There was not a big need that was brought up last year that was needed to have besides the resource library books.
- STEM Room – We talked a lot last year about do we invest in a STEM Room. We never really landed the plane. We did not know where it would go. Jen Skalski is our Tech Spec. She is working through how she wants STEM to look like and she wants to build upon the creation of it and not just a big Wishlist. We are waiting to hear from her more about this.
- Red Pine Scholarship – We are bringing it back. We give one to a former Red Pine Student that attends Rosemount and Apple Valley.
- PTO will work on a process for the staff to submit their requests to the PTO. We are looking at a form when they can submit their request than email their receipt to us.
- We will continue to do school special days. i.e., Popcorn Day. We are always open to hearing ideas on what special events for the students. We want to get the word out about the PTO and show what the Boosterthon money goes too.

**School Requests for PTO funding:**

Instructional supplies – new grade level teachers \$600 (\$200/ piece)

New Kindergarten Room – new bookshelves \$465

Culligan Water cooler (Staff) \$520

Art Adventure – \$500