

PTO Minutes
Tuesday, May 12, 2020
Via: Zoom

Meeting Call to order at 6:30

Welcome by President Laura Ashton

Officers Present: Laura Ashton - President, Kristin Harnish - Treasurer, Kelly Forsyth - Secretary

Staff Members Present: Biz Ruskowski - Principal, Heather Asiala, Carrie Bui, Deb Feaster, Tom Cooper

Review of minutes

Approval of April minutes:

Motion to approve April minutes-

Seconded -

President's Report

2 Board Member positions open:

Heather Asiala moved to nominate:

John Bael for vice president

Kylie Crune and Lydia Pothaus for co-secretaries.

Stacey O'Keefe seconded.

Motion passed.

Committee Chair positions open - most timely is Room Parent Chair Person. Anyone interested email Laura Ashton.

Other open Chairs: carnival (5th grade), Star Writers...

Possible Back-to-School BBQ if allowable.

Laura communicated that PTO is planning all events as if school will be open 100% and will make adjustments when/if necessary.

Treasurer's Report

Checking Account: \$26,105.56

Savings Account: \$10,555.66

Total Cash in the Bank: \$36,661.22

Some outstanding bills for JAT

Total Income for April: \$.61

Expenses: \$400.43 (some ticket refunds) \$37.99 and \$255.40 to buy 5th grade signs.

Proposed Budget: (completed without some knowledge of next years fundraisers - when more becomes known, we can amend budget)

Operating budget: typical year = \$60,000

Operating budget for 2020-2021 school year will be \$50,000 until we know what JAT income will be.

Income:

Auction: \$16,000 (many corporate donations have already been made)

Carnival increase: \$4500

Community Share: \$300

JAT: \$26,000

Spirit Wear: \$1300

Star Writers: \$1300

Total income: \$49,400

Expenses:

Auction: \$9,000 (some items already purchased in 2020)

Carnival: \$2500

Enrichment: \$1500 (will include "student clubs" \$600)

Float: \$150

Family Friday's: \$150

Field Trips: \$10,000

Hospitality and C & C: \$2,600

JAT: \$5 000

PTO Expenses: \$1450

Spirit Wear: \$1300

Staff Appreciation: \$2,200

Staff Start-Up: \$11, 500 (\$18/student)

Star Writers: \$1300

Total Expenses: \$49,400

Kristen emphasized that PTO is committed to providing whatever materials may be needed to teach in the best way possible in the fall - microphones, supplies, etc.

Deb Feaster moved to accept the budget for 2020-2021 school year.

Stacey O'Keefe seconded.

Motion passed.

Principal's Report

Thank you from Biz to PTO for support

4th week of virtual school. Teachers use district grade level standards documents to present consistent standards districtwide. Staff also continues working with families in offering more academic challenges and those families who would like less. Teachers have been working in grade level teams and continue to meet 2-3 times a week together to plan out the week ahead of work. We also have weekly staff meetings and weekly grade level meetings with Mrs. Ruskowski to assure consistency in how virtual school is being presented. Teachers continue to update platforms to achieve the very best experience in connecting with students. I'm so impressed with the staff with this complete shift to online school.

- Student Council has had 2 meetings and have a meeting with Middle school Principal Marshall Perkins and Counselor Brenda next Tuesday.
- ICSC scheduling a touch base this week
- 5th grade still have many exciting opportunities including online awards ceremony that will include individual awards and the announcement of the principal award. Jill, Missy and Biz are working on the schedule for 5th grade events to be published soon.

Tom Cooper and Deb Feaster shared "Silver Linings" - new use of technology, time to collaborate with grade level partners

Laura Ashton shared her thoughts that parents can be much more connected to what students are learning.

Committee Reports

AUCTION:

Classroom Artwork will be available next week. Details to come.

STAFF APPRECIATION:

Virtual Appreciation this week. Typically PTO would plan some meals and daily activity. Plan is to provide something in the fall.

Old Business

5TH GRADE GRADUATION:

PTO has a surprise event planned.

Further gathering plans will come together as new information becomes available.

New Business

A Thank You from Laura Ashton to Eastern Staff and Parents.

Next Meeting:

September 8, 2020

Adjournment at 7:24