

PTA Board Meeting
2/4/2020
6:30pm Google Meet

Attendees

Jodi Johnson	Michelle Thigpen	Kelly Haycourt	Chris Sciandra
Jolane Korson	Megan Bocci	Carla Mateer	Kaitlyn Brandsema
Cathryn Campbell	Kate Steel	Rachana Prabhu	Ms. Snyder
Shannon Robinson			

Call to Order : 6:37PM by Jodi Johnson.

Jodi started with an ice breaker, "Where do you want to travel to after this pandemic ends?"

Executive Board Vacant Position Nomination

- **Nomination Committee** : Jodi asked for volunteers and spread the word for the new roles which will open up in May.
- **Secretary Vacancy** : Jodi opened the floors to nominations. Megan nominated Rachana Prabhu and she accepted. Mrs Thigpen seconded the nomination. The vote was then called, the motion carried unanimously

Approval of Minutes from last meeting : The December 2020 minutes were reviewed by attendees and approved unanimously.

President's Reports

Jodi updated us on the treasury report and said it looked good overall.

Treasury:

- **Membership** : Increased by \$48 more than planned, bringing the total to \$388, thanks to the efforts from school staff and teachers.
- **Fund raising** : Down by approximately 75% with a total of \$11537.72 due to given Covid circumstances. Passive fundraising and restaurant nights have been the most beneficial. Reminder to link Smile to Amazon accounts and shop on Amazon Smile.
- **Family & Student Programming** : We have a budget of \$5214 remaining after using \$41.28 for the mask student project. Jodi asked us to make the community aware and encourage use of these allocated funds and bring ideas.
- **Appreciation and Recognition** : Jodi thanked Chris Bocci for all his hard work.
- **Education Enhancement** : 8 teachers were helped from grants. She asks help to spread word about the available grants and let them know they can collaborate as well to get higher priced items.
- **Overhead** : We will only be spending \$626 this year.
- **Savings account** : We have \$8330.70 in savings currently in the bank with 7 cents interest.

Principal's Report

- Mrs Thigpen thanked teachers, staff and parents for transitioning back to school so well after the winter break.
- **Technology Feedback** : Mrs Thigpen received 34 responses from her survey with teachers and two thirds of them said they would like to keep and maintain the apps they have been currently using which are, Brain Pop, Education Galaxy, Raz-Kids, Scholastic news. Some also asked for other apps to be included such as Epic, ABCya, Starfall, Seesaw, ipad with LAMP, Boom Cards, ABC Mouse. She also said that the teachers will go back and reflect on what they already have and how much they want to spend on new apps.
- **Staff Training** : Mrs Thigpen will send an email update on this.
- **New Teacher** : She also updated us on the new PE teacher, Mr Chris. Also glad to have Mr Winchester in virtual sessions as well as Friday in person sessions.
- Mrs Thigpen also congratulated the Assistant Vice Principal, Allison Snyder on her new role.
- **Mandatory and State Required Tests** : All tests have been completed.

Committee Report

A. Talent Show - Jolane

- Although not official yet, the show will be moving to the virtual platform around the same time as Book fair which is April end.
- The idea is to record students and upload them online for everyone to view.
- They will increase the time slots to 3 minutes.
- By the end of this month, the information will be sent out.
- Jolane asked for help with organization and also they will need a leader to head the show for next year.

B. Year Book - Carla

- Had issues in sales last year with books not being sold and undersold.
- As it takes a lot of effort to create these books, and each new page increases cost, would it be more cost effective to make a book for 5th graders only by reducing the size to 20 pages and charge \$20 for each?
- Send survey to parents asking if they will pay for a confirmed pre order and inform them that if a minimum order of 50 books are not met, production won't happen.
- Mrs Thigpen had an idea to have the year book on a digital platform which would be free for all to access. Since the teachers and staff have been taking pictures constantly, they could combine them all along with class pictures for more content. She also assured Carla she would offer all the assistance needed.
- Carla said we could even ask the virtual teachers to take screenshots of the whole virtual class to use in year book.
- Carla and Jodi to discuss this further and will make a decision very soon with regard to how this year's book will be.

C. Grounds and Beautification - Jodi

- 4 outdoor classes were requested, one at each end's of the school.
- We would need about 20 stools of 14 inches for K-2 grades and 20 of 16 inches for 3-5 grades as well as a picnic table in each area which will serve as teachers desk.
- Tree stumps would make great stools and Jodi talked to Tree companies asking for help to sponsor and although they seemed interested she hasn't heard back from them yet. She also requested us to talk to other tree companies for sponsors.

- **Playgrounds:** We have money left over from last year to use. We could buy templates of games and such and could paint them ourselves or we could ask the high schoolers to take on this project. It would be most appreciated if someone took on this project and Jolane volunteered to ask her husband, Larry Korson, to help.

D. Book Fair - Megan

- Postponed to April end in hopes of more in-person attendance.
- BOGO will continue on in June if there is no in person sale in April, as virtual book fairs are not anticipated to be strong.
- If there is in person sale in April, BOGO will be cancelled as it will be too close to each other.
- Options to have scholastic book fairs either drive through where you request the books you need and shoppers pull them or a drive up where they set up cases (no tables) outside to shop.

E. Boosterthon /Attraction Books - Megan

- New plan is to start off on different dates. Boosterthon will be in the beginning of the school year and start the fund raising.
- Sales plan for Attraction books will begin next month.

Art by Me Tiles - Jodi

- Thanks to Bethany Rouse for helping us.
- Art By Me Tiles never raises enough to cover the costs of the tiles and the PTA has to pay for difference.
- Should we ask parents to cover the \$8 for these tiles?
- Carla suggested we could ask others to "sponsor a fifth grader for \$8".
- Cathryn suggested we could have a specific 5th grader fund raiser for all things related to 5th grade graduation.

Jodi adjourned the virtual meeting at 7:53PM.

Presided over by:

Jodi Johnson, President

Rachana Prabhu, Secretary

Approved on: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____ Rachana Prabhu _____