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March 15, 2022 – Virtual Format

The March meeting of the Randolph Heights PTA was called to order at 7:01 pm by the president.

Welcome and Introduction:

President Kristin Fischer Rosel welcomed all attendees. The following members of the PTA executive board were present:

Kristin Fischer Rosel, president
Katie Russell, vice-president
Katie Stromberg, treasurer
Autumn Hubbell, secretary
Tim Williams, principal
Beth Tierney, teacher, third grade

Bylaws and Standing Rules:

In 2018, the MN PTA updated their organization (and all local chapters) to follow universal bylaws. The RH PTA therefore organizes its guiding policies and protocols in a set of standing rules. Those standing rules are submitted each year. If there are changes, the membership needs to vote to approve those changes. The executive board is reviewing the existing standing rules and updating to better reflect the RH PTA's old bylaws. We'll be bringing the amended standing rules to the April meeting for review and approval.

Spring Social:

Executive board is meeting to discuss options for a gathering (for parents) at the end of this school year. More to come.

Talent Show:

The talent show will be in a virtual format, as it was this past year.

End of Year Fun:

PTA is starting to brainstorm how to support end of year fun for the school community. Will likely have volunteer opportunities, so stay tuned.

Volunteering:

For those parents looking for volunteering opportunities, we'll be posting those on the PTA website as they develop.

Teacher Appreciation:

The PTA set up a Sign Up Genius to organize ways to support teachers, with weekly slots still available. Sign up to be a treat fairy and drop off treats. It's an ongoing opportunity.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b4baea923a0f58-rhsteacherstaff>

Teacher Appreciation Week happens the first week in May, and meals are provided during this week. Lesley Lavery spearheading with support and will be training in others in for future years. DC teachers are included.

Read-a-thon Update:

The school goal was 150,000 minutes, and the students are just under 200,000! Classes will receive games and other funds will go towards books and teacher supplies. Prizes will be given out the last week in March (week before spring break).

Financial Update:

Katie Stromberg provided a financial update.

Katie tracking the Read-a-thon numbers. \$16,000 raised for Read-a-thon. After GetMovin fees are applied, it will be closer to \$15,000. No big expenses since the last meeting. In supporting Read-a-thon, games were purchased. Some administrative costs.

Looking ahead to Teacher Appreciation week, we do have a budget to pay for meals for teachers as needed.

Treasurer's report can be viewed online at www.rhs-pta.org.

Principal's Update:

Principal Williams shared the following updates:

Teacher Strike Update

Everyone breathed a sigh of relief that the strike was averted. The teachers' union is voting today or tomorrow to ratify. The board will ratify on March 22nd.

COVID Update

It has been weeks since Randolph Heights has had a case of covid. The board will discuss masking on March 22nd. Even if board votes to make masking optional, likely wouldn't happen until after spring break. The board will review assemblies and large group gatherings as well. Likely will follow CDC guidelines, which allow different levels of gathering depending on county's current risk level.

Lego League

The lego league will be recognized at school board on March 22nd as well.

Budget

No information about budget, teacher contract will play into this, as will Esser and ARPA dollars. Not foreseeing any challenges, should look similar to this year's budget District is considering some options that will be district wide (e.g. math interventionist).

School Start Time

During negotiations with union and potential strike, many things were put on back burner. Principal Williams shared results of parent survey with district. Principal Williams is concerned about losing families because of start time. Likely won't know until numbers are finalized by district.

As far as switching schools, 22 families indicated in the survey that they were definitely switching schools. Considerable number indicated maybe. Principal Williams guessing 20-30. Also, families might be considering their options, and understanding whether they were accepted at other schools before deciding. Typically, school choice results are shared with families in end of April. There are budgetary considerations (budgets based on enrollment). Principal Williams shared that he really doesn't want to lose families. Discovery Club numbers were up somewhat (wouldn't say significantly). Some were if/then answers, based on other factors. Chrissy and DC staff have been anticipating this – the DC staff at RH is well connected, and well-staffed, so if parents sign up during, hopefully DC will be able to meet demand.

Language Sprout will be moving to after school and likely going 3 days a week. Spanish only at this time. Other options include Rec Check. Edgecumbe is a site, Principal Williams confirmed.

No staff have indicated they would be interested in leaving. Principal Williams did informal survey when school change announced. Two staff were against, 3-4 could go either way, remaining were in favor. The two that were against haven't indicated they will be leaving.

Wrap-up:

Kristin thanked members for attending and for their feedback and ideas. Next meeting will Tuesday, April 19 at 7pm in Zoom format.

Meeting adjourned 7:40 pm.