**Hooker Oak School PTO**

**Meeting Minutes-September 17th 2020  
ZOOM MEETING- 6-8 P.M.**

*Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm by Melissa Rose*

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

**PTO Members in Attendance:** Mellissa Rose, Nicole Phillips, Rachael Dimon, Sarah Van Hout, Lindsay Sedar, Jessica Mew, Alison Rice, Christine McAdams, Crystal Marsh

**Classroom Reps in Attendance:** Nathan Castillo, Amie Riesen, Tessa Mahan, Trinity Watte, Angela Donnelley, Lilly Wike

**PTO Members Absent:** Jenn Brown

**Teachers/School Staff in Attendance:** Emily Mullins (Principal), Kim Friend (1st grade), Bree Atkins (1st grade)

**Parents/Guests in Attendance:**

1. **Appreciations**
2. Emily appreciates the Events Team and PR Selena for all of their contributions to the Jogathon.
3. **Action Items**

**-August Minutes approved**

**-Bi-Laws Revisions-Limit to 2 votes per committee approved**

1. **Principal Report**
2. Principal Emily reported that this was not start of year we wanted but has gone smoothly. She wanted to thank teachers, staff and parents for making a smooth start. Enrollment was at 360 and is now 314 due to the effects of Covid-19 which is the standard trend at most schools. She is hopeful many students will return but some have moved and left for private schools, charter schools, etc. and wants to focus on promoting our school. Now her most important priority is to keep morale high. There is still a sense of culture despite continuous hits and we can focus on our many blessings. There has been a lot of support for teachers with professional development and have they had to completely learn online protocols quickly. There was a virtual fire drill this month, the staff tried to make it fun and find sense of normalcy. Sept 28th will be a virtual student of month assembly. Chico Unified Board wants to help with parents; Hooker Oak has been asked to think about how parents can all support each other, something like a virtual Happy Hour or socially distanced playdates. There are 19 participants on this meeting so that is exciting.
3. Regarding the Elementary Waiver possibility, district response rate was slow, 40% overall and 40% for Hooker Oak. Majority were in favor. The Chico Unified School Board and Principal feel it is important to see what parents want going forward with the Elementary Waiver. Even if the waiver were approved, intense safety measures would need to be in place. It would likely be similar to the AM/PM schedule. The Board wants to see more data so each school needs to reach out to parents. The Waiver process is very in depth and the school will do what our parents want and another survey will be sent out to the parents tomorrow. The Waiver can also be approved and conducted grade level by grade level. We are bringing our cohort students back. Please refer to the attached document for further information.
4. **Teacher Report-**Kim and Bree said rm 3 and Bree are in synch and working well together. They are finishing up responsible citizenship and working out some reading groups. They are also working on handwriting, reading books, poems, number sense, tally marks, getting to know each other, and how to use zoom. Kids have been very respectful and patient.
5. **PTO Committee Report**

* **Co-Moderator**
* PTO Positions open for next year; Co-Moderator, Co-Treasurer & Co-Green Committee (2)
* **Events/Fundraising**
  + Jog-A-Thon- Selena got the website up, link is live. Fundraising can begin and the link is posted on Facebook, which will be the main source regarding event information. The event will be Sept 5th through the 9th and publicity needs to get out there which the teachers will also help with. We can keep prize tiers the same as last year. Each day will be a theme day like crazy hair day, workout gear day, etc.
  + Fall 2020 Plans
* **Corporate Liaison** 
  + Field Trip T-Shirt & JAT Sponsor Updates-reach out to Crystal to help with the next steps for corporate sponsors.
* **Publicity** 
  + Klean Kanteen Order should be here soon.
  + Fall Gear order here soon too maybe masks, some for the whole staff ASAP. Order 55 adult masks and then move forward with gear order. Hooker Oak PTO.com will be updated.
* **Arts Committee**
  + Art Show Alternative – (Ideas) We can have a Virtual Art Show and post on FB or do Live event with a drive through spaghetti feed to maybe keep them combined. We could display winning pieces in the drive through. Art can be submitted through the Google Form. Maybe the event could be held just before Thanksgiving break. Selena can help with ideas to put the art online or display. This will be put out to more parents to form as sub groups or committees to help.
* **Parent Volunteer Coordinator**
  + Room Rep Status-some reps still needed
* **Green Team-TBD**

**\*Nature Center Update-(Sent from Mayela)**

Here is what's going on with the Green Team side of things:

We are still planning on when to have our next work day in the garden. Some staff has been doing weeding and cleaning up of the area, but there is still lots to do. We won't set a date for that until the smoke has cleared. Jennifer is reaching out to the school district maintenance director to see if we can get some help with tree trimming in the Nature Area. She is also planning to put together an information page for teachers regarding the Nature Area, with ideas for tasks kids can do to help keep this area looking good (once in person school is back and running). This will include light raking, picking up sticks and trash, replacing rocks in the borders, etc. These could be tasks students could do when they need time away from class (for a brain break). Laurie and I would like to send info out to teachers if they would like to incorporate at home garden time in their lesson plan. We totally miss being in the garden with them and would love to give them some activities to do to continue their garden ventures at home.

-Mayela

* **Treasurer Report**
  + 2019 Remaining Expenses

Complete, except maybe one more receipt, contact accountant by end of the month

* + Onboarding Status-Allison

Bank Signer Transfer (during Covid)?-ETA TBD

MoneyMinder Access & Training-ETA TBD

**VII. Classroom Rep Reports-** Beth’s 4th grade-rm nine Top Dogs meet daily and she is pushing the kids hard during this time and checking up. Twice a week they have art and music. Most kids log back on to work. The dog unit is nearing the end. They had a virtual field trip with Guide Dogs for the Blind and Beth is trying to fill days with things that would reflect real field trips like learning about canine police units. New math is in full swing and she wants to thank all of the parents and people who have stepped up. The kids really enjoyed the guide dogs. Stacey’s Kinders are working on boot camp abcs and they had a virtual field trip to the pumpkin patch. The kids are working on their fashion show letter vest. Trinity reports that Kim Friend has really allowed Emma to stay focused. TKers find it hard to focus on the screen but it is great what the teachers are providing. Amie reports that 5th grade is trying to manage online and learning about volume, food webs, land forms, and much more. She wanted to thank the PTO and is so happy the Jogathon will take place. Sarah from 2nd grade says she appreciates Seesaw. Nathan reports the rm 5 Rangers are studying science and magnets and they love it and are also working on American symbols and government with the election coming as well as learning cursive. It has been amazing, starting multiplication.

**lX. Old Business-** None

**X. New Business-**TBD

**Xl. Adjourn**

*Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm by Melissa Rose*

**Next PTO Meeting-Thursday, October 15th, 2020 6-8 p.m.**