

Rising Starr Middle School PTO Board Meeting
September 14, 2020

Meeting Start Called to Order: 12:34pm

Attendees: Terri Morgan, Jackie Bauer, Mrs. Smith, Cindy Hicks, Nicole Norris, Natalie Kaiser, Mary Beth Rogers, Kelly Kroskey

Principal's Report

Ms. Smith: Overall going well. Working on consistency of grading in Schoology. RSMS will be using only Schoology for grades (not Infinite Campus). Parents/ Students should look in Schoology for all grades. Parents can still see missing assignments in Schoology.

Agendas:

Natalie: Still having issues selling them. As of today, have sold 524. Smith will address this when send out an email update. Has asked teachers to address this with students/parents as well. Nicole asked if consider not using agendas next year. Smith stated it's a way to teach students organization to students. Something to think about going forward. Perhaps require for 6th grade but not 7th & 8th. Need further discussion before any decisions are made.

Total cost of agendas \$4900, short \$2300

Natalie asked if PTO would be allowed to sell agendas outside of school in the morning at carpool – Smith stated yes.

Virtual Wait list has been closed. No openings for virtual at this point. Can possibly move to B&M at end of semester if request it.

Kelly asked about lunch; concerns with students sitting in classroom, no talking, Smith stated we can allow 70 students in café at one time. If eating no mask, no talk. If wearing a mask can talk. Students are rotating to use café.

President's Report

Agendas – Nicole asked if it is worth to try to keep selling them? Do we take the loss at this point?

Natalie - Future PTO Meetings: 2nd Monday of the month at 12:30pm

General PTO Meetings: due to COVID these have been cancelled. If the virus spread improves by spring, we may have the spring meeting (elections, budget review etc.)

Treasurer Report

Overall, we are short about \$7500 from our budget when looking at DD, agendas and other income. We are short \$10,000 for budgeted DD but we carried over \$5000 to assist with this. The agendas are hurting us as well.

Expenses: Red Ribbon Week is still a possibility, no field trips, Veteran's Day will happen in some capacity

Committee Reports

Hospitality

Back to School Breakfast: \$474.22

September: 2 snack days (donations from outside vendors)

October: donuts, coffee, cider from Heirloom Bakery (\$160)

November: baked potato bar (Mike & C's or City Café)

December: wrapping gifts (Smith stated we can probably make this work if the teachers would still like this; will survey teachers as it gets closer)

Teacher Appreciation Days

Nicole will purchase all Amazon Gift Cards for the year (\$550). This comes out of the Hospitality budget.

Birthday Treats for Teachers each Month. Started in August – Lori Hobman. \$135 for the year (Hospitality budget)

Spirit Wear

Order placed on 9/8, ready on 9/23

Will be disbursed via homeroom. Virtual students can pick up in front office. Sold 298 items. Ordered 39 extra to receive .50 discount on items – will put these on online store

Sold 86 additional masks plus the original 50

Sold \$1500 in last year's spirit wear (had 100 items, down to 10)

New Business

Smith – please reach out to her anytime – pass this along to parents. She will respond to all messages within 24 hours

Meeting adjourned at 1:18pm

