

**Rising Starr Middle School PTO Meeting
October 14, 2020**

Meeting Called to Order: 12:35

Attendees:

Principal Kathy Smith
Amy Thomas
Jessica Gregory
Joy Gaston
Nicole Norris
Natalie Kaiser
Kelly Kroskey

Principal's Report

6th & 7th Grades are back to school for four days and it is going well; staff and teachers are doing well. Issued lockers. Should be able to pay via MySchoolBucks. Will be using this site a lot more in the future to pay for other fees e.g. field trips

Students may eat in cafeteria on rotation basis. Will be increasing outdoor space for seating in the future for lunch as well.

Survey will be sent to parents from Middle and High schools at the end of October to ask parents if they want to choose virtual or Brick and Mortar for second semester. Decisions will be final for second semester.

Election Day – No School; district learning day for staff/teachers

Bill 1166 is on the ballot this year related to property taxes for schools. Everyone is encouraged to make an informed decision before voting!

Red Ribbon Week – no needs from PTO at this time

Veteran's Day – still working on this event but it will be virtual

Christmas Wrapping – will survey teachers for interest

Hospitality – can ask for prepackaged goods going forward

President's Report

Nicole Norris made a motion to approve the minutes from last month
Amy Thomas seconded the motion

PTO Meetings will be at the school in Room 709, Second Monday of the month at 12:30pm

Treasurer Report

We are in good shape as far as the budget goes – only \$500 off from our initial budget
Direct Drive is still short but spirit wear exceeded our budget

Other Committee Reports

Spirit Wear

Expect about \$5000 profit

Will have about 50 items to post on shop online (need to finalize a few replacement orders)

Amy is looking into a different mask style like the teachers/staff wear with adjustable straps and nose adjuster

Hospitality

Donuts and Cider scheduled for October 28th. Heirloom gave a price of \$140 total but will ask Publix, Kroger and new donut shop if they can give a better price

November – will ask for donations for a treat as we are not able to have the Baked Potato Bar as planned due to COVID restrictions

Staff Appreciation

Custodian Day – was this past week and received their gift cards

October 15th – Bosses' Day

Bus Drivers – October 20th – Ms. Morgan is handling this

Meeting Adjourned: 1:27pm