

Rising Starr Middle School PTO Meeting  
May 10, 2021

**Meeting Called to Order: 12:35**

**Attendees:** Principal Kathy Smith , Kelly Kroskey, Natalie Kaiser, Mary Beth Rogers, Nicole Norris, Jennifer Cleland, Krista Heim, Amitai Slepian, Tom Strother, Lorena Alarcon, and Joy Gaston

**Principals Report**

\*CFC – Redesigned 6<sup>th</sup> Grade workroom, HGTV Reveal on Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> (used PTO Funds from last year to help pay for this project); Joy Gaston volunteered to assist on Wednesday

\*Panthers Paver Night, Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> (Ms. Keener is coordinating this project) Pavers were donated by RSMS Staff member; Mr. Kufchak's orchestra will be playing during the event

25 families have signed up to participate; pavers will be placed in the garden in front of school entrance; PTO funds paid for the paint

\*CFC Showcase, May 20<sup>th</sup> – will have a small event held at the school; filming the projects to be shown

\*Awards (all grades) will be given to students & recorded on May 21<sup>st</sup> and recording will be sent out to parents

\*Pink Panther Lab- will be redesigned into a recording label this summer (PTO funds will be used to help pay for recording equipment)

\*Landscaping around the building -PTO Funds will also be used to assist with this

\*Student Ambassadors – jackets will be purchased for next year using PTO funds

**President's Report**

\*Approval of last month's meeting minutes- Mary Beth Rogers made a motion to approve, Nicole Norris second the motion

\*Approval of New Board Members (Lorena Alcaron volunteered for Secretary Position that was open prior to meeting); New Board was voted in with 18 votes

### **PTO Board 2021-2022**

Co-Presidents: Kelly Kroskey / Amitai Slepian

VP: Tom Strother

Treasurer: Nicole Norris

Secretary: Lorena Alarcon

\*Increased Direct Drive to a Flat Fee for next year to make it easier \$40  
No agendas or lockers on direct drive envelopes (school is taking care of this)  
Natalie is taking care of the envelopes and putting the labels on them for meet the teacher/beginning of the school paperwork (Meet the teacher is TBD)

\*Kelly Kroskey will send Natalie Kaiser the updated page for Agendas with PTO Board and Committee Chairs

\*Mrs. Hubbard's request – will update 7<sup>th</sup> grade hall teacher restrooms over the summer (Mary Beth Rogers volunteered to assist with this); school is not able to paint quotes on student's restrooms per facilities; may look at hanging up posters. Mrs. Smith has spoken with Mrs. Hubbard and updated her

### **Treasurer Report**

Received Publix and Box Tops check

Received more spirit wear sales (Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders tours)

Spirit Wear Online store was a huge success this year

8<sup>th</sup> Grade picnic – line item only – expense and income wash one another out

Hospitality did go a little over this year – partly due to not being able to ask for as many donations from parents and the packaging required for food items

Estimated to give school in the \$15,000 range at the end of the school year

### ***Proposed Budget***

\$5,000 carry over for next year

Corporate Programs – need to encourage rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders to change Kroger and other corporate programs to RSMS

Increased Hospitality budget to \$4,000 from \$3,500

Teacher needs – use the money this year to buy gift cards for next school year

2021-2022 budget was voted and approved by 11 votes (there were No no votes)

### **Committee Reports**

#### **\*Hospitality**

TCBY Truck – last day of school

Will transition in May to Courtney Timmerman and Lorena Alarcon

Hospitality will take over Teacher Birthdays (Mary Beth Rogers volunteered to handle this)

Staff Appreciation – will purchase all cards and gift cards at beginning of year and have PTO sign at first meeting (Kelly Kroskey will coordinate)

#### **S\*pirit Wear**

Oak Grove – 5<sup>th</sup> Graders will be receiving a RSMS Shirt and Water Bottle (Jennifer Cleland is coordinating with Amy Thomas)

Amy Thomas is working on the designs for next year; will send out when ready;  
Will have a water bottle for next year

#### **\*8<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic**

Sent 330 invitations; about 30 have not paid – will allow them to have a lunch but no t-shirt

Offered a graduation yard sign for the first time this year – 121 purchased signs

Need 6 parent volunteers to help with this event

#### **\*Staff Appreciation**

Joy explained this committee and it was decided that it will be handled at the beginning of the year (see above under Hospitality); signed Nurse Blair's Thank You card to be distributed next week for Nurse Appreciation Day with Amazon GC

## **New Business**

### **Staff & Teacher Updates for 2021-2022 School Year**

Mrs. Smith stated we have several changes for next year with staff and teachers (no administrative changes)

Mrs. Trinquero – retiring

Mr. Stevens – moving to McIntosh

Ms. Ross – moving to Whitewater

Ms. Philpot – taking one year off

Need one more 1 custodian and 1 more special ed/hearing teacher – all other positions have been filled

**July Meeting** – Kelly Kroskey will email new Board and Committee Chairs to schedule over the summer

Meeting Adjourned: 1:32pm