Ridgeview Elementary School PTO

November 10, 2020 6:00 p.m.

In attendance: Katie Koors, Ashley Hays, Matt Jones, Jodi Serfling, Jaci Fitchpatrick, Vaibhav Shah, Mollie Jolliff, Melissa Fraley, Debbie Daniels, Mrs. Eppel and Mr. Jefferson

- 1. Explanation of remote hearing process
- 2. Call to Order/Roll Call 6:05pm
- 3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. October Meeting-Vaibhav moved, Jaci Seconded, motion passed
- 4. Treasurer's Report-Vaibhav Shah
 - a. (Vaibhav screen shared budget, see him for further details)
 - b. Fall fundraiser raised, \$10,145.66! Thank you Jaci for all your efforts!
 - c. Annual fundraising goal is \$12,500, currently at \$11,500.
 - d. Projected to spend \$30,500 this year. \$17,000 of which is for wetlands.
 - e. Cash on hand \$11,742.41.
 - f. Savings \$5,261.00 (Can't touch per bylaws)
 - g. Discussion of reallocating \$1,100 from 5th grade field trip line item to School Beautification/Wetlands, and/or \$2,400 for Social events.
 - i. 5th grade field trip likely not to happen per Mr. Jefferson.
 - ii. Would like to save some social events-can look at later
 - iii. This reallocation would cover the cost of materials for the planter boxes.
 - iv. Motion to reallocate funds made by Melissa Fraley, seconded by Ashley Hays, motion passed.
 - v. Motion to approve treasurers report by Melissa Fraley, seconded by Ashley Hays, and motion passed.
- 5. President's Remarks-Matt Jones
 - a. Thank you for staying engaged in challenging times.
 - b. Special thank you to Jaci Fitchpatrick (and family!) for her efforts with the Halloween Hustle both for in person and remote learners.

6. Principal's Report-Mr. Jefferson

- a. He was surprised he didn't have to spend the night in the wetlands as the students reward for meeting the goal for the Halloween Hustle!
- b. Mrs. Eppel-thank you for providing food during conferences, very appreciated. Thank you for doing the Halloween Hustle and thanks for all you've done.
- c. Increasing COVID numbers, mostly due to exposures and close contacts instead of positive cases. Ever changing guidelines being handed down are a challenge to follow. He commends parents for being terrific throughout all of this.
- d. Thirty remote learning students have noted a desire to return to in person learning. Anticipated that half or less will be able to. First, third and fifth grades are at capacity, kindergarten is very close.
- e. Wetlands-no grant updates, expected to see them soon. They are ready to go on planters as soon as possible. Next would be creating a path through there, possibly some signage and then storage solutions would be needed. Anticipate the need to be conservative with our funds.
- f. Staff face masks have been purchased and will be distributed to staff tomorrow. Information available if PTO is interested in pursuing them as well. All staff pictures will be tomorrow.

7. Committee Reports

- A. Spirit wear-Matt for Sandy
 - a. Holiday sale going on now-fliers distributed.
 - b. Another sale will be in the spring.
- B. Staff Appreciation (This position is still open)
 - a. Not providing food for the SIP day tomorrow as last one spent a large chunk of the budget.
 - b. Discussion about holidays- will cover next month
- C. School Beautification (This position is still open)
 - a. No report
- D. Fundraising/Halloween Hustle-Jaci Fitchpatrick/Matt Jones
 - a. Fundraising goal met!
 - i. However, some entire classes had no donations, unclear if this is an outlier or communication error

- b. Spring fundraiser/auction for Wetlands fundraiser
 - i. You will be able to sponsor a brick, paver or bench, etc
- E. Dine Outs-Melissa Fraley
 - a. We raised \$459 at Portillos
 - b. Possibility for McDonalds in December and possibly a Tanner's donut fundraiser in December.
 - c. Suggestions made to look at local restaurants, Weavers, Double A's, Fox pub, Ludy's etc. She will look into some ideas.
- F. Communications/Website-Ashley Hays
 - a. Will look into bios of PTO members for recruitment purposes and getting to know other members.
 - b. There were 16 entries for pumpkin decorating contest-went well.
 - c. Continue to send her things she can post online.
- G. School Kits
 - a. No report
- H. Library-Mollie Jolliff
 - a. Barnes and Noble book fair
 - i. Selling cheesecakes, not sure on flavors/price
 - ii. You can shop online or in person
 - iii. Teachers will have a wishlist of books they would like
 - 1. Suggestion for posting that as a sign up genius
- I. Social Events(This position is still open)
 - a. No report
- J. Cub Scouts-Matt Jones
 - a. Matt Jones is new CubMaster
 - b. Katie Koors will be taking over as Chartering Organization Representative (COR)
- K. Yearbook-Jodi Serfling
 - a. She took pictures during the Halloween Hustle, thank you!
 - b. Thanks for helping Ashley with dropbox creation
 - c. Drives are set up for teachers to submit pictures and soon will have one for families as well
 - d. Next week is school picture day, there will be a makeup day for classroom in quarantine, more information coming

- L. Room Parent/Volunteer Coordinator
 - a. No report
- M. Popcorn/Spirit Day
 - a. No report
- N. Box Tops/Labels/Store cards (This position is still open)
 - a. No report
- O. Grants/Sponsorships
 - a. No report
- 8. Old Business
- 9. New Business
 - A. Wetlands Garden Boxes
 - a. Motion to approve funds to have boxes built this fall made by Ashley, seconded by Jaci, motion passed
 - b. If there is interest in opening up the Wetlands planning committee, we can set up a separate google meet to bring everyone up to speed on where we are at in that process.
 - c. Discussion on forming a larger committee
 - d. Mr. Jefferson notes we need to define the scope of the committee. There is already a plan, perhaps we need to focus on execution of the plan.
 - e. Lots of discussion on seeing the area, sharing the plans, families "adopting" an area, making a video, call to action
 - f. This is a multi-year plan, difficulty identifying who owns the process, school or PTO.
 - g. Mrs. Eppel pointed out that Obtaining a certification as a nature classroom opens up the possibility for future grants
 - h. There are 10 stations planned, wide range of applications for each
 - i. Mr. Jefferson and Mrs. Eppel noted we need to get the infrastructure done first before we move onto specific stations and surveying staff for needs
- 10. Public Comments
- 11. Adjournment 7:12pm Vaibhav motioned, Jaci seconded, motion passed