

# **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 5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip line item to School Beautification/Wetlands, and/or \$2,400 for Social events.**
    - i. 5<sup>th</sup> 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



- 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**