

PTO Meeting 10/20/20 Minutes

Present: Allison Symmes, Maria Kretz, Mr. Wells, Kathleen Fluman, Mrs. Strausbaugh, Mrs. Bortner, Jenn Bricker, Randi Walker, Mrs. Sease, Mrs. Spokus, RC Miessler, Heather Miller, Dr. Schiefer, Lindsay Jonas, Jaein Lee, and Vince Fannon.

The meeting was held via Zoom due to COVID-19. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Allison Symmes.

Vince Fannon from Dubbs Karate discussed their COVID-19 procedures in regards scheduling a Parent's Night Out Fundraiser: temperature checks for all kids, parents, and staff (anyone over 99 degrees are not permitted to stay); asking wellness questions; hand sanitizer is provided; professional grade ozone machines; HEPA filters being used; windows kept open; anyone not feeling well will be separated until parents come; spots designated on the floor to keep kids 6 feet apart; masks must be worn if they can't be apart; attendance reduced to 35 kids; could be limited to only James Gettys students. Their facility has been open since June and they have not had any occurrences of COVID-19.

The meeting minutes from March 3, 2020 are posted on the website for anyone to review.

Treasurer's Report: The balance as of last meeting 3/3/20 was \$15,511.44. There were withdrawals made for \$7,898.35 (Whitaker Center field trip, Hershey Park ticket refund, teacher stipends, Teacher Appreciation Week, May Fair, and Knowledge-a-Thon prizes). There were deposits made for \$1,217.94 (Box Tops, Whitaker Center field trip refund, and Hershey Park ticket order). The balance as of 9/30/20 (close of books for 19-20 and start for 20-21) was \$8,831.03. Withdrawals were made for \$214.30 (teacher stipends), so the current balance is \$8,616.73.

The proposed budget changes for 2020-2021 were discussed: May Fair expenses were paid last school year, but not used due to COVID-19 so we have a credit this year; Scholarships were eliminated since all of the Eisenhower Elementary students have now graduated; Profit from Restaurant Fundraisers, Knowledge-a-Thon, and Box Tops were all reduced due to a decrease in funds raised.

Principal's Report:

Mr. Wells discussed the PBIS program which has a Courage theme this year and had a kick-off with a Zoom assembly. There will be "Courage Keys" given out to students, a chart will be hung in the lobby to keep track of how they are progressing, and a "Courage Hall of Fame" will be displayed to show famous individuals who displayed courage. Mr. Wells asked for the PTOs financial support to purchase keys, wristbands, and other materials. Mr. Wells also discussed the improvements/changes made to the parking lot, parent pick-up, and noted that there will be changes being made to virtual Fridays.

New Business/Fall Fundraiser: Maria shared some information for a t-shirt sale: logos, costs, colors, etc. We also discussed some other fundraising options: beef jerky, greeting cards, Chipotle, and Panera Bread.

RIF: Discussed delivering books to the classrooms to be distributed to the students. There is no scheduled date for this yet.

Restaurant Fundraisers: No update

Box Tops: This program is on hold until February. Our profit has been down since they switched to the digital submission.

Spring Fundraiser: No update

Holiday Craft Day: No update

Hospitality: For Teacher Appreciation Week in May, teachers and staff had their choice between 5 different locations and the PTO purchased gift cards.

Knowledge-a-thon: Prizes were delivered at the beginning of the school year.

Science Fair: No updates

Next PTO meeting is to be determined.