Richard Elementary PTO Meeting

May 4, 2022

General PTO Meeting 7:00pm

Executive Board Members Present: Dr. Kernan, Jen Wilson, Inga Sabourin, Shelayne Miller, Sarah Pereira, Susan Tawile, Jackie Rabaut

Committee Chairs and Parents present: Kristina Junga, Joyce Wagner

Via Zoom: Diana Vanderpool, Ryan Lally, Jennifer Kopp,

1. Welcome/ Call to Order – Jennifer Wilson
	1. **Jen motioned to approve previous April’s meeting minutes, Inga and Sarah seconded motion, motion approved**
2. Treasurer’s Report – Sarah Pereira
	1. See Treasurer’s Report for current financial details and budget.
		1. Recent Expenses – Jen/Inga
			1. T-shirts
			2. Dance Party
			3. Y5/Kinder Transition
			4. Teacher appreciation
3. Principal’s Report – Dr. Kernan
	* 1. Pick-up/Drop-off Parking Issues
			1. Rebecca Fannon spoke with GPF Police Dept. about parking on McKinley, they believe we have plenty of signage. Officers do drive loops during drop-off, but they do not want to get out of their cars
			2. Maire has multiple officers doing crosswalks, is this something we can have as well?
			3. Dr. Kernan will continue to look into parking/safety solutions
		2. 3D Printers
			1. Looked at pricing for 2-3 pro printers that also do laser etching, around $350.
			2. Looking at purchasing 3-4 3D pens
			3. Need cabinet for printers
		3. Spring Concert
			1. Awesome to be able to see everyone together for the first time in 3 years
			2. Thanked staff and music teachers
		4. Science day – Today!
			1. Assembly went great, looking forward to having them back next year
			2. Some District Reps attended, may be involvement with the District going forward
			3. Students made oobleck, elephant toothpaste and used invisible pens
4. Teacher Report – Jackie Rabaut and Susan Tawile
	1. Teacher Appreciation
		1. Teachers thanked PTO for everything, they were especially excited about the juice from Rhythm and Blue, long lunch with money to pay for it and extra recess coverage
5. President Report – Jennifer Wilson - No Report
6. VP Report – Inga Sabourin – No Report
7. Secretary Report – Shelayne Miller – No Report
8. PTO Council Report – Kristina Junga
	1. Dr. Dean listening session – 5/11
	2. Community survey is out. The district wants to hear from all members of the community, not just parents of students
	3. GPFPE – 6 more grants
	4. Links info@gpschools.org
	5. 6th annual suicide prevention walk coming up
9. Board Report – Rebecca Fannon – Not present
10. Assemblies – No additional assemblies planned for this year
11. Family Functions – Inga Sabourin & Jen Wilson
	1. Dance Party 5/6 – 6pm-8pm, will be outside unless it rains
		1. Crispellis Truck
	2. Movie night was a success, will plan more in the future
	3. 4th grade party – 6/15 12pm
	4. 4th grade promotions – 6/16 10am
	5. Donuts with grown ups for kindergarten only on Friday 5/6
12. Fundraising – Shelayne (on behalf of Maureen/Hannah)
	1. Ticket sales for Sail into Spring ends 5/10
	2. Suggestions made by Joyce Wagner for upcoming event
		1. Advertise list of auction items to generate ticket sales
			1. Dr. Kernan can email this or post it on Facebook
		2. Post event on GPPSS Community Discussion Page
		3. Invite BOE Members to event
		4. Invite John Dean and Roy Bishop to event
13. Green School – Done for the year
14. Beautification – No Report
15. Membership Directory – Kristina Junga
	* 1. Nothing new to report at this time, our costs are covered for the year
		2. Kristina will reach out to Shana in August for 2022-23 school year
16. Team Reach – Dr. Kernan
	1. This years outreach program was Snowpile
	2. Last year students wrote letters to senior citizens
	3. Joyce Wagner advised that 3rd and 4th graders at other schools do community service
		1. Monteith – 3rd and 4th graders help younger students to cars during pick-up and drop-off and help out with other activities during the day, i.e. lunchroom
		2. Richard 4th graders participate in Safety and Service
		3. Dr. Kernan will follow up with Monteith to see what their process is for pick-up and drop-off
			1. Joyce suggested this be discussed at the next principal meeting so that schools can collaborate across the district regarding best practices
17. Communications – Stephanie Denvir
	1. Newsletter went out
	2. Stephanie requested access to the google drive so that she can add templates she uses for current communications
18. Richard Wear
	1. Field day T-shirts have been ordered
19. Book Fair – Shelayne Miller
	1. Going well so far, sales around $5K
20. Field Day – Diana Vanderpool
	1. Sign-up genius filling up quickly, excited to have volunteers
	2. 2 tents needed
		1. Rosy Knapp has one tent but will need help setting it up
		2. Dr. Kernan will reach out to South to see if we can borrow one
		3. Should we consider purchasing a tent for future use?
			1. 4th grade gift?
21. Elections
	1. Board seat elections will take place at next PTO meeting

Open Comments

Joyce Wagner requested a PTO meeting agenda prior to meetings

Joyce Wagner will be joining the Welcome Committee

Joyce Wagner inquired about the Diversity Committee. Dr. Kernan and the PTO have requested volunteers to head a Diversity Committee at Richard

Joyce Wagner suggested starting a Culture Club next October

Meeting ended 8:10pm