



RIJMS PTO

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Meeting was called to order by President, Jennifer McManaman at 6:35pm. Jennifer welcomed everyone and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Jen McManaman, President, called for approval of May meeting minutes. Mr. Novinski made the motion and Mrs. Domabyl second the motion.

Treasurer's Report was given by Kathy Gruber, Treasurer. There was a motion to adopt the new budget. Mr. Novinski made the motion, Danielle Ivins second the motion. Kathy shared its new. Mr. Novinski welcomed everyone back. He shared they were hoping to have funds allocated for a printer head, a school assembly & a grill.

Principal's Report, given by Tom Novinski. He welcomed the teacher Mrs. Domabyl as well as all in attendance. He thanked the PTO for the breakfast, t-shirts & cameras. The seventh grade Outdoor Education field trip will be September 26-27. Hoping for continued PTO support. The first dance is Friday September 15th from 5-7pm. It is a Glow and the Dark theme. There are also new student council sponsors, our Spanish teachers. There was an assembly today (9/12). The presenter was Pastor Steve from Teen Outreach; it was about "Overcoming Obstacles"; never giving up & choosing right. On October 4th, there will be a social media/internet safety presentation at Heritage Grove Middle School for Parents and Students. On October 5th, the social media/internet safety presentation will be given to the 7th & 8 graders at Ira Jones. The Wes T. Magazine sales fundraiser has started; the first turn in date is Thursday, September 14. Next Monday, September 18 will be the first school improvement day.

Committee Reports:

Book Fair: Phyllis Smith, Secretary, shared a message from Committee chair Jennifer Roach. Currently the Book Fair dates are listed as October 30-November 3 with the Parent Teacher Conferences scheduled for November 2 & 3. Mr. Novinski, Principal, shared those dates appeared accurate. Jennifer Roach will send out emails for volunteers in early October.

Box Tops: It was shared there is a fundraiser for hurricane victims. Mrs. Lucas will be leading this effort.

CAPE: Jennifer McManaman attended the CAPE meeting and shared the new year is off to a good start. At the meeting, they requested to confirm with the school (or administration) regarding information that is out there. Go directly to the source. School has the best interest at heart. This was the advice of the administration.

Family Dinner Night: Ira Jones had their first family dinner night at Aurelio's, last night, September 11. The next family dinner night will be at the Cheese Cake factory October 7. The Taco Truck at Locker Move In Night was a success, we made about \$900.

Hospitality: Julie Steben did an amazing job for the teacher's back to school breakfast. The next event for the hospitality committee will be November 2 for Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Membership: Membership is up.

School Store: The first volunteer blast filled up immediately. Overall it appears to be going well. Sold sewing kits. This is nice to offer and parent support is appreciated.

Spirit Wear: Tina Capion no report.

Student Council: Danielle Ivins shared the dance is Friday, September 15. There are 8 volunteers and counting.

Concessions – Mr. Novinski shared we own our own vending machines. District purchased them for the schools. The students in the FBI program are responsible for the machines.

Color Run: Jennifer McManaman & Danielle Ivins – no report.

Old Business: Mr. Novinski shared we need to discuss checks and balance. Replacement printer head has been ordered.

New Business: Ira Jones will be participating in a Veterans Pancake breakfast November 4 with the American Legion Hall. The proceeds will be donated to charity. Food service is to donate juice. They will also be looking for donations from local businesses. Veterans and their families are invited. There will be more to come. Ira Jones will also have a Pumpkin Smash. The purpose is to recycle pumpkins. They will be converted to compost and not waste. The homecoming parade is October 7.

Open Forum for Concerns/Issues/Discussion: Mrs. Domabyl requested the PTO purchase picnic tables for the teachers so they may sit outside during lunch time. There is a need for possibly two tables. Mr. Novinski shared the tables out front cost approximately \$900. Also, they will need to be attached because there is the fear of loss. In the past, nice items like these can get taken. PTO will review this request and work toward it. It was also suggested we reach out to the male and female Scout groups as they are often looking to complete projects, for instance build tables. We will also follow up with parents to gauge interest.

Next Meeting: October 10

Upcoming Events: Washington DC Info Mtg at Timber Ridge 9/13 at 6:30pm
Fundraiser Turn in dates 9/14 & 9/21
School Dance 9/15 5-7pm
FBI Social Media/Internet Safety Presentation at Heritage Grove at 7pm 10/4

Meeting adjourned 7:04 pm.