



RIJMS PTO

Monday, October 7, 2019

Meeting was called to order by President, Jennifer McManaman at 6:30pm. The President, Jennifer McManaman welcomed everyone, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Jennifer McManaman, the President called for approval of the April meeting minutes. (Kindly note, the September 2019 PTO meeting had been cancelled.) Mr. Novinski, the Principal made the motion, Julie Steben, the Vice President seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report Kathy Gruber the Treasurer gave the report. Kathy Gruber the Treasurer shared the PTO did good on Membership, so we're are pretty close for where we budgeted. The PTO paid for an Anti-bully speaker that came to the school. We paid for ten kids to go to Outdoor Ed. The Outdoor Ed expenses are listed as approximately \$349. We also had CAPE dues this months, Classroom Grants for our teachers. It was shared that the School Store made a little bit of money. We also have our Back to School luncheon included under hospitality. The Student PRIDE & Teacher's PRIDE costs are the McDonalds & Culvers gift cards.

Principal's Report given by Tom Novinski Principal. Mr. Novinski, the Principal, welcomed everyone to the meeting. He began by stating how much it was appreciated that the PTO helped with the Outdoor Ed program this year. He said it was less buggy and thanked the PTO for supporting the students by paying for 10 students to go as well as pay for some cooking supplies and some other supplies. The first back to school dance was a success, we had a lot more kids than expected because of the rainy weather. We also had a lot of parent chaperones help. The next dance is 10/25 from 5-7pm. It will be a Halloween themed dance and the students can wear costumes if they are school appropriate, no masks or weapons are allowed. The chaperones can dress up too. Also, 10/25 is our Shop with a Cop basketball tournament. It will be 10/25-10/26 and is hosted at Murphy Jr. High. This tournament is to supplement the Shop with a Cop event; each kid gets approximately \$200-300 to spend when they are with the police officers. The IRA Jones PTO donates a coffee basket every year. Ira Jones is scheduled to play 5:30 on Friday night and depending our success will determine if we play on Saturday. There is a SIP day scheduled for 10/21, the students will get out at noon that day. There is no school on 10/14 because of Columbus Day. The quarter ends on 10/18. The boys' basketball and cheerleading tryouts start on 10/15 for our seventh and eighth graders. There are final interviews tomorrow for the wrestling coaches. Mr. Novinski, the Principal shared that he is very excited that they will have two wrestling coaches. Wrestling is scheduled to start "November 14ish". We had an amazing speaker this year; he was a little different then our speaker from last year. John Grossman "Ray", the speaker- spoke about being homeless, empathy and being non-judgmental. It was a good way to start the Anti Bullying month. We can only host him every three years, because he walks in looking homeless, stuttering and if we had him every year it wouldn't have the same impact as when the kids see him for the first time. The speaker comes in and starts talking one way, then he gives a speech and stutters, then he suddenly changes his manner of speech and asks the kids "what do you think of me now?" And he shares various experiences he's had; suggests empathy and letting go of prejudices; don't judge from first impressions. He is from Washington and been speaking for approximately 20+ years. He'll be a speaker at Heritage Grove next week. PARC scores went home last week, IREADY should have gone out already. The school report card comes live the day after Halloween, so you can look at it then. Look at the Essential Five Survey. Our school fundraiser was very successful. The "day of awesome" is 10/21. We will need about 10 helpers at specified times. Paw Pac is this week for the following sports. For Soccer; Tuesday at 4pm at Aux Sable; and we need to win Tuesday to play on Thursday. Volleyball will be Wednesday, Thursday & Friday. For girls' volleyball, 7th grade plays at 4pm at Aux Sable on Wednesday, 8th grade will play after the 4 o'clock games are done at Timber Ridge. Both teams need to win to move on in the

tournament. Cross Country is Wednesday. The good news about soccer is they will play no matter what because they are being played on the turf on Friday.

Committee Reports:

Box Tops: Lorrie Walker Box Tops Chair was in attendance. Mr. Novinski, the Principal shared that the Box Tops are going digital and we need to learn the new procedures. For right now, we are in the process of figuring out the next steps.

CAPE: Lorrie Walker, the CAPE representative shared the report. The Plainfield Parent Community Network (PPCN) will help host a meeting on 10/10 covering the three controversial topics of Vaping, Marijuana and Opioids. The meeting will be at Plainfield East High School. Community resources will be available at 5pm and speaker presentations will start at 6pm. Additionally, Lorrie Walker the CAPE representative, shared that the district is now sharing advertisements from specific companies and all ads will be going thru the district. The district approved the companies if they donated money to the Foundation of Excellence, as a way to bolster funds for the foundation. Any personal information of the families; emails, etc., will not be released to these companies.

There was a representative from “A.L.I.C.E” (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate”) at the meeting. It was shared that the program is fully up and running throughout district 202. At the CAPE meeting, they actually got locked in. The district safety team has created a classroom safety plan. And they are now focused on providing training for substitute teachers. Mr. Novinski, the Principal shared that all the substitute teachers are showed the plan and have to sign off on it before they start their day. He also shared that the training teaches the students and teachers to be more proactive.

Hospitality: Julie Steben, the Vice President and the Hospitality chair shared the hospitality report. Julie Steben, the Vice President and Hospitality chair shared we had the “Back to School Luncheon” for the Teachers the same day as locker move in and the timing of the luncheon is great for teachers because they are here for the day and through the evening. Mr. Novinski, the Principal, confirmed conferences will be on 11/25 and Julie Steben, the Vice President and Hospitality chair, determined hospitality will host a “Grab n Go” type meal from 4:30-5pm. It will include sandwiches, salads, dessert & beverages. Hospitality will request donations from certain items from the PTO members. The Holiday luncheon will be on 12/20; Julie Steben, the Vice President and Hospitality chair shared she may need help with that luncheon and that we will also make a request for donations of gift cards for the teachers and staff.

Membership: Chrissy Jenks was unable to attend. Jennifer McManaman, the President shared we have over 240 members.

Spirit Wear: Allison Jordan the Spirit Wear chair shared the report. The first sale we had a little earlier this year than in the past and we earned approximately \$94. There was a discussion on if we would sell holiday Spirit Wear; it was decided there will not be a sale. It was decided there will only be two Spirit Wear sales for the school year.

Volunteer Coordinator (for School Store, Student Council, Book Fair and Pride Incentives)

School Store Kelly Conlon-Hockman, the Volunteer Coordinator, shared we have volunteers and we are good until the end of semester. In November, she will set up another sign up for January, etc.

Student Council: Kelly Conlon-Hockman, the Volunteer Coordinator, shared the first dance was a success and a volunteer sign up has been sent for the Halloween dance.

Pride Incentives- No report.

Book Fair- Kelly Conlon-Hockman shared the Book Fair will be 11/25-11/26; volunteer sign up will need to be created.

Old Business: No report.

From September '17 minutes. 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.

New Business:

Open Forum for Concerns/Issues/Discussions: On 11/8 we will have a Veteran's Day Assembly; there will be a speaker. There will be a Dad's luncheon, the date is to be determined, but information will be sent out.

Next Meeting: November 4, 2019 at 6:30

Upcoming Events: Halloween Dance 10/25 from 5-7pm
Shop with a Cop Fundraiser 10/25-10/26 at Murphy Middle School

Meeting adjourned 6:52pm.