

# **RIJMS PTO MINUTES**

## **Monday, November 9th, 2020 REMOTE MEETING**

(Recorded by: Blair Kramer, Secretary)

### **6:31 MEETING BEGAN VIA ZOOM**

Call to order and welcome - Jennifer McManaman

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **MINUTES APPROVED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

-Meeting notes from the October 5th, 2020 meeting were approved into minutes. Jen motioned and Mr. Novinski seconded.

### **TREASURERS REPORT - KATHY GRUBER**

The PTO PayPal is now active. Discussion of PayPal set up and getting the word out for parents to utilize via newsletter and Facebook.

### **PRINCIPAL REPORT - GIVEN BY TOM NOVINSKI, PRINCIPAL**

Webinar was successful and the next one is on Dec. 9th at 6:30 (social emotional). Midterms are December 4th, but the quarter ends on January 15th. The day before winter break is a normal school day. Thanksgiving week, there is no school Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. 8th grade promotion is May 27th at 5pm.

### **COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Box Tops** - Lorri Walker discussed that the new round of collection will be collected in person through February 14th and online, through the app, through March. Lifetime earnings \$13,287.00, \$26 for this year.

**CAPE:** - \*Blair Kramer / Lorrie Walker - Blair Kramer reviewed items discussed at the meeting held on October 23rd. CAPE board position of 1st VP was voted on and officially named Tonya Przybylski to that position. This meeting was prior to the freeze on returning to school, but Dr. Abrell mentioned the Will County Health Department indicated

cases in the county were “rampant and resurgent”. Tom Hernandez reminded us that they are doing what is best for everyone's safety. They will be notifying people via email when they move closer to returning to school, so make sure you receive emails from each school your students attend. You can check with your school if you do not receive emails. You will receive safety protocols and a short survey asking if you will be sending your students back. 5-year Strategic Planning survey is open and deadline has since been extended to Wednesday November 11th at 5pm. Kai Freeman from Drauden Point MS mentioned iReady and Panorama testing was going on and 1st Quarter was ending on October 30th. Kevin Kirberg of the School Board reminded us to get information directly from the district, not from people posting on social media. Feel free to email the BOE, contact is on the website, they would love to hear from you. Steve Belcher, Assistant Director of Custodial and Warehouse Services described what has been done in the schools. Key touchpoint like bathrooms are being disinfected hourly and staff update checklists to validate that work has been done. Electrostatic sprayers are being used to get all aspects of a surface in the classroom disinfected and air filters have been upgraded to provide improved particulate capture. Traffic patterns have been defined and social distancing has been laid out. Tom Hernandez noted that multi-needs special ed students were back that Monday, being selected for their increased need for physical support. Betsy Vinson, CAPE President mentioned updating PTO bylaws with concerns to Board Members who no longer have an immediate interest in their homeschool. I do not think we have a problem, so I would defer to Jen McManaman, if she wanted a review or update our bylaws. Jen doesn't feel there is a need. CAPE will collect donations for the new school's PTO/PTA startup fund, most likely at the first meeting of next year. In the past has been \$50-\$100 per organization. We will worry about that next year. Plainfield Library is still doing take-and-make kits available at 10am on Thursdays for teens and curbside bag-of-book requests and pick ups. CAPE will focus on the 2021 CAPE Reception submissions in December. CAPE has a link on their google drive for fundraising recommendations. The next meeting is Friday November 20th, Lorrie Walker will be attending.

**Hospitality** - Darci Ridge was not in attendance, but Jen McManaman wanted to be sure and thank her for the teacher luncheon. She did a great job organizing and Mr. Novinski noted that it was a success and the teachers really appreciated it. Will we do a holiday luncheon replacement? Mr. Novinski is comfortable with individual meals and drinks which worked well for the previous lunch.

**Membership** - Jen McManaman mentioned that membership is still very low. We are hoping having contactless payment as an option will help. Hold off until after Giving Tree and Teacher Gift Card collection to promote.

**Spirit Wear** - Allison Jordan (not in attendance). We are waiting on a check from Makery Studios and Jen McManaman will look into getting a holiday order going if Makery Studios is up for it.

**Volunteer Coordinator** - Kelly Conlon - Hockman, there is nothing while we are remote learning.

**Homecoming** - it has been cancelled.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None.

**NEW BUSINESS** - Red ribbon week is this week. Staff Pride nominations continue, 3 teachers a month are selected. Giving Tree has begun, but donations are low. We will be posting info on Facebook and Mr. Novinski will send out a Connect Ed. On Veterans Day, lessons will happen within social studies classes. Year Book Snap continues to accept pictures. We will collect gift cards and donations towards gift cards as teacher holiday gifts, just like in years past. Ms. Galaty is doing an Among Us club, which students have enjoyed. Book club will be starting a new book soon, title is TBA. Still working on NHS and how it will look with restrictions. Jen McManaman asked if we could change back weekly to daily announcements.

**NEXT MEETING - January 11th, 2021 MEETING ADJOURNED-7:15 pm**