

# **RIJMS PTO MEETING MINUTES**

## **Monday, January 11th, 2021 REMOTE MEETING**

(Recorded by: Blair Kramer, Secretary)

### **6:30 MEETING BEGAN VIA ZOOM**

Call to Order and Welcome - Jennifer McManaman

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

-Meeting notes from the November 9th, 2020 meeting were approved into minutes. Jen motioned and Mr. Novinski seconded.

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

Money that came in is the Amazon and Shoporoo. Money is coming in via PayPal now. We had more money in membership come in. Most of the money that came in was for the Giving Tree and Winter Luncheon. Money spent went out to the Giving Tree, Winter Luncheon, and PRIDE gift cards. We have a great balance considering the circumstances. Our next purchases will be cords for promotions, Teacher Appreciation, CAPE Awards and possibly Battle of the Books.

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

The quarter ends this Friday, January 15th. It is also an SIP day so there is no live zooms, an asynchronous day. SIP on February 1st as well. Encore for 5th, 6th and 7th graders due January 29th. Mr. Novinski presented to students last week. 8th graders can do it on February 1st for high school selections. Clubs starting soon if not already; Arts & Crafts, Multi-Cultural, Community Service, Student Counsel, Drama, and more. Info is located under students classroom for their grade level. Battle of the Books opened, 5 books instead of 10. Classes will be getting more info this week. Materials pick up next week for 2nd semester, novels, materials, etc. Day/Time finalized soon and everyone will be notified. NJHS kids wear cords for the promotion

ceremony and the PTO will cover the cost. 8th grade t-shirts are being made and virtual measurements will be needed soon for gown sizes. There is a goal of Spring pictures, so information will be coming out soon. Another webinar is coming; one for 5th graders and another one for current families. Staff was overwhelmed at the generosity of the PTO and families for all of the support.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Box Tops** - Lorri Walker discussed upcoming promotions and will get Mr. Novinski updated materials later this week. There is more traction every month. Blair will share info on the Facebook page when it is available.

**CAPE:** - \*Blair Kramer / Lorrie Walker - Mr. Novinski asked if we have and CAPE nominations turned in, there is only one, so we will try and get more responses. Blair will post on Facebook and have responses due February 8th, the decision meeting. Blair Kramer reviewed items discussed at the meeting held on December 11th. The district is working on bringing everyone back when it is safe to do so. Everyone wants to be back to normal. There was a great response to the Educational Choice Survey and if you did not fill it out, you should have received a call from each school you have a student attending. Margie Bonnucci, the Technology Administrator reminded us to contact the Technology Help Desk # 815-577-4344 if you need any help with technology. There is a CAPE Cafe FB page that will be utilized to share important and relevant information between CAPE reps/school. CAPE Reception is still on hold. Everything else was time sensitive and now irrelevant. Next meeting is January 15th and Lorri will be attending. Lorri was asking about CAPE Awards Reception fees and new school PTO/PTA start up funds donation.

**Hospitality** - Darci Ridge (Not in attendance) Teacher appreciation is the next big thing to think about. We will discuss this at a later meeting.

**Membership** - Jen McManaman mentioned we had people joining PTO via PayPal, but with no membership form so Kathy Gruber with

print out a report for her to be able to organize and track new members.

**Spirit Wear** - Allison Jordan (not in attendance) Jen went over details. \$241.50 from last sale, which is great. Another sale will happen soon, incoming 5th and out going 8th.

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

**OLD BUSINESS - None.**

**NEW BUSINESS -**

CAPE Awards Nominations due February 8th

Battle of the Books April 12th - 23rd

Year Book Snap - please send in photos.

FB Post on Google classroom changes for Second semester (Mr. Novinski will email Blair info from connect ed to post on FB as a reminder to families).

**NEXT MEETING - February 8th, 2021**

**MEETING ADJOURNED-7:06 pm**