

## **Rogers Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes**

### **October 6, 2020**

#### **Call Meeting to Order**

- Meeting called to order by Katie Blackburn, President at 7:10 p.m.
- 12 in attendance

#### **Presidents' Report – Katie Blackburn**

- Welcome
- Class t-shirts were delivered to kids either at picture day or when they came for NWEA testing.
- Directories will be going to the printer this week.
- Book swap is up and running as of this week. There will be three separate pick up days scheduled over three weeks.

#### **Treasurer's Report – JoAnne O'Connell**

- Membership dues have been coming in.
- We paid for the class t-shirts.
- Fun(d) Run monies should start coming in next week.

#### **Principal's Report – Beth Meacham**

- Thank you to all the teachers for the wonderful job there are doing with on-line instruction and their collaboration with parents to make the best of a bad situation.
- Thank you to everyone who participated in Peace Day. We had a great turn out with over 200 computer connections for the Zoom assembly and most connections had multiple family members in attendance. A special thanks to Mr. Duffey, Ms. Stone, Mrs. Maiuri, Mrs. Capuano, Mrs. Watkins-Visnaw for their work to put on the assembly.
- Thank you to Katie Blackburn and others for their work with Fun(d) Run. It is so important that we continue these traditions that the kids look forward to and to keep as many of the normal things the kids look forward to happening.
- NWEA testing is going well. Thank you to parents for dropping off their students for the benchmark reading and math testing sessions that need to be completed by the end of October.
- At this month's staff meeting a talking point was social emotional care not just for our students but for ourselves as well as parents and care givers. New lessons for students have started through a program called Second Step.
- There is no new information about the District's return to school plans at this time, but parents should know the District is still in the planning stages and nothing is carved in stone and as always safety is the first and foremost concern when making these plans. Families are welcome

to contact Mrs. Meacham with any comments or concerns and she will share those with the District committees.

### **Membership's Report –**

- At picture day approximately 20 new memberships were added and the current total is 83.

### **Public Relations' Report – Melissa Hammond**

- Thank you to all the families who participated in the Uncle Andy's Dine to Donate. We received \$400 from this event and another will be planned in the next couple of months..

### **Secretary's Report – Amy Bluhm**

- Approval of March, April and September 2020 PTA Board Minutes
  - Motion was made by Katie Blackburn and seconded by Beth Meacham, motion passed and minutes were approved.

### **Teacher Delegate's Report – Andrea Halas**

- No Report

### **PTSA Delegate's Report –**

- No Report

The proposed budget was discussed last month and needs to be approved. Joanne was present to discuss updates and answer any questions. The biggest update to the budget was the Covid Relief item which was added taking 20% from the fieldtrip and enrichment for each grade as 20% of the school year has been scheduled to be virtual. The Covid Relief funds can be used at each grade level for items necessary because of the change in learning. There will no longer be babysitting at PTA meetings as it was almost never utilized and those funds have been transferred to our teacher appreciation budget for this year. As the year goes on we will have to adjust the budget depending on circumstances. We do have a carry forward from last year of approximately \$15,000. Our goal for Fun(d) Run should be \$8,000 to cover the biggest expense of the year which is 5<sup>th</sup> grade camp at a cost of approximately \$6,900. Discussion was had about the budget and fundraising and the fact that even when we return to in-person learning the first phases of the return will still not allow for volunteers in the building, fieldtrips, or other school events. Regarding 5<sup>th</sup> grade camp, Camp Storer is closed through the end of 2020 and will re-evaluate opening in the new year. A discussion was also had regarding adding a line item to order 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation signs again this year. A motion was made by Mrs. Meacham to approve the budget and seconded by Mrs. Halas. The budget was approved.

Regarding Fun(d) Run, the sponsors have been notified that they will receive the same advertising as last year regardless of their contribution and some of them were unable to make the contributions because of decreased business due to Covid . Toyology is donating grade level prizes, Toadvine donated a gift certificate, there are still a couple of items left from the Ilitch donations last year, we'll receive \$100 from Aldi and \$100 from Berkley and Huntington Woods Youth Assistance. The run is scheduled for this Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> with families running on their own. It is requested that pictures from this event be sent to Katie Blackburn. A box will be in the office through next Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> to turn in pledges.

Sarah Stahl advised Katie Blackburn that the 1<sup>st</sup> Day School Supplies contract is due for renewal and we need to advise the company if we wish to participate next year. Rogers families did purchase 151 kits this year which may be higher than in past years because of Covid. Although Rogers dose not earn any money from these sales it also does not cost the school anything to participate. Katie will check with Sarah to see if she is interested in continuing as the contact point and, if so, she will have her renew for another year with all sales to be sent directly to families.

There was a question about Caring and Sharing donations, however, there are no updates at this time. It may be that gifts cards would be purchased rather than food donations. A suggestion was made that perhaps if families make donations to Gleaners Food Bank that they would bring a mobile food pantry to service our District.

Katie Blackburn found a free app that she is going to look into that may allow us to create a virtual Halloween parade if families can submit a short video clip of their child walking from left to right in their costume.

All the schools in the District will be receiving new marquees being purchased with grant money. Mrs. Meacham suggested possibly saving parts of the old signage to be used with as a raffle item or perhaps smaller pieces for first day of school photo props. Another suggestion was to contact the historical museum to see if they would be interested in preserving this piece of nostalgia.

Although most Box Tops have gone digital there are still paper/clip ones to be mailed in. The fall submission deadline is November 2<sup>nd</sup>. An email will go out asking families to drop off any non-expired Box Tops either with Fun(d) Run pledges or during NWEA testing times.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.