February 11, 2020, 6:30pm

RKE PTO General Membership Meeting
Attendees:
Elizabeth King
Melissa Chernovsky
Lindsey Rouse
Catherine Bishop
Lisa Lyman
Maggie Sosman
Wendy Smith
Michelle Baccomo
Nicole Gregson
Jazmin Lawhorn
Bethany Swain
Sarah Seiler
Carrie Jacobson
Renee Reilly
Audrey Baran

President's Report (Elizabeth King):

- Mids for Kids
    - May not need drivers next week
    - Tues/Weds 1:30-3:30pm
    - Will send out Sign Up Genius if needed
- Board of Education
    - Sarah Seiler put info for District 6 representatives on the Facebook
- Sarah Seiler is our new Social Media Coordinator (usually part of the Secretary's job).

Principal Report (Jazmin Lawhorn)

- General thank you for Variety Night, great to see kids talents, good for community
- Thanks in advance for soup day for staff
- Parent Teacher Conferences
    - 1 day
    - Sign up for slots
- All day Pre-K
    - Large interest in the program, all day allows more time for cultural arts and for the Pre-K kids to be more a part of the RKE community.
    - Admitting eligible kids first. If a large amount, may make the program bigger.
- Recess and Tag (Wendy Smith)
    - Tag has always not been allowed because kids get hurt, some grades have started again. They are being asked to stop.

    - Mr Acosta is going to try to teach a modified version in PE that they can do, maybe with pool noodles.
- Limiting Party Volunteers to Two
    - This was a school decision, to keep parties smaller, the volunteers are there to support teachers and facilitate the activities, not to socialize.
    - It is brought up that it is hard to meet other parents, volunteering in the class gives sense of community and helps make connections.
    - PTO will try to make more opportunities for parents to interact and make connections early in the year, as an alternative to volunteering in the classroom.
    - A member brings up the need for advanced notice for volunteering opportunities to take the time off of work. Need more time to plan to be there and be involved.

Vice President Report (Audrey Baran): We will have soup day for the teachers February 18th.

Treasurer's Report (Melissa Chernovsky):

- Provided a Balance Sheet
- We need to budget $400/year for Music Accompaniment, we allotted $200 already but need another $200 for Spring Concert.
- Plan to vote on budget in April 14th meeting.

Volunteer Coordinator's Report (Lindsey Rouse):

- Sign up Genius forms are out
- Clothing drive-need sweatpants, leggings
- A member mentions: A parent wants to donate to school from Amazon

Special Event Coordinator's Report (Catherine Bishop):

- Variety Night was great
- Still trying to figure out dates. May move try to do an outside version of movie night next year in the fall.
- North Star Dance: Invite your North Star (replacing the Father/Daughter). Possibly May 1st.
- 5K: Maybe June 6th, or possibly also in the Fall
- Need to avoid April 2 Book Fair/Science Fair

Race For Education Report (Lisa Lyman):

- Paper packets or all online? Discussed by all.
- Will make a list of where the money will go, it's our only fundraiser.
- May save on postage, but there is a credit card charge.

- Hope for 25K

BackPack Buddies (Renee Reilly):

- Made $651 from Noodles
- Received $1635 from Rotary Crab Feast
- Renee is passing off the position, it would be great to have someone who is interested in writing grants, there is a sign up out there.

Teachers Report (Michell Baccomo):

- Thank you for yearbook info
- Need Variety Night photos

Old Business (Elizabeth King):

- Privacy at Fenceline on Generals Highway
    - Custodians are supposed to weed
    - Still hoping to get a donation from a nursery for plants
    - Maybe get Environmental Club involved
    - Maybe incorporate Earth Day somehow

Next General PTO Meeting: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 @6:30pm
Adjourn: 7:49pm