Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 6:30pm

RKE PTO General Meeting (REMOTE)
Board Attendees:
Jazmin Lawhorn
Wendy Smith
Elizabeth King
Catherine Bishop
Melissa Chernovsky
Lindsey Rouse
Lisa Lyman
Sarah Seiler
Carolyn Waters
Michelle Baccomo
Crystal Covington-Alexander
Jillian Fleshman
Maggie Sosman

25 additional attendees joined via Google Meet

PTO President, Elizabeth King, gives welcome remarks, including informing the audience to the interpreter that is present.

Principal's Report (Jazmin Lawhorn):

- Parent Survey
    - A recent ConnectEd asked parents to complete a survey about returning to school: Virtual students may return two days and two day students may move to four days.
    - Question: Can the school accommodate this number of students? There are zero students on the waitlist right now.
    - Due date: Friday April, 23rd
- Hybrid update:
    - Going well, students and teachers are adjusting.
    - Transportation is still difficult but they are working through procedures and protocols to follow CDC guidelines.
    - Question: Is 4 days return for the whole school or just some? Not sure if this is for the whole school or maybe a few grades. Need to consider staff, she will have to follow up.

Teacher's Report (Michelle Boccomo):

- Thanks PTO for gift cards.

- Yearbook: Deadline to order your RKE Yearbook is next week!
  - Visit commpe.pictavo.com to order by April 28th.
  - We have reached our minimum.

Treasurer's Report (Melissa Chernovsky):

- We have $20,535.05 in the bank. $10,629.59 of that is restricted for Backpack Buddies program use. This leaves $9,905.46 unrestricted for the PTO budget.

Vice President's Report (Cathy Bishop):

- Teacher appreciation week:
  - We are working with a limited budget and parents cannot go inside the school.
  - The kids will do things including wearing school colors, bring flowers or hold up a flower on screen, etc. A Rocket Blast will go out to communicate what we will do.
  - If you don't get the Rocket Blast and want it, email the RKE account or put your email in the chat window for this meeting.

Fundraising (Lisa Lyman):

- Virtual Race for Education
  - May 19th
  - May 9-15th take photos of participants at home, will watch slideshow of these photos on May 19th
  - Goal is to raise 10K. If successful, students will vote on throwing water balloons or silly string at Ms. Lawhorn and Ms. Smith.
  - A $100 donation enters the student in a raffle.
  - Info will be shared with staff tomorrow.
- Book Give-Away next week
  - Tuesday-Thursday for kids in school and Wednesday for everyone else
  - Giving away RKE bookmarks with the books.
  - Time is 12-1pm to coincide with food pickup.
  - Question: Can Hybrid kids go pickup during recess time? Yes. They go with their class so parents don't need to worry. Teachers will hear more about this plan tomorrow.

Volunteer Coordinator's Report (Lindsey Rouse):

- Spring clean up of grounds 9-noon Saturday, April 24th and 1-3pm Sunday, April 25th. Whole family may attend, please bring your tools. Will wear masks and social distance. We will weed and pick up litter so we can mulch.

President's Report (Elizabeth King):

- Thank you from AAC Foodbank for $680 raised.
- Proposed Slate of Candidates for the RKE PTO Executive Board 2021-2022 School Year, Vote to be held on May 11, 2021
    - President : Sarah Seiler
    - President Emeritus: Elizabeth King
    - Vice President: Catherine Bishop
    - Treasurer: Melissa Chernovsky
    - Secretary: VACANT
    - Social Media Director: Sarah Seiler
    - Rocket Blast Editor: Carolyn Water
    - Race for Education: Lisa Lyman
    - Special Events Chair: VACANT
    - Volunteer Coordinator: Lindsey Rouse
- There are also vacancies for Director (officers in training) positions. The role of a Director is to shadow a current officer for training during a school year with the goal of gaining experience to satisfy officer eligibility requirements.
    - For 2021 – 2022, we are seeking Directors for the following:
        - Treasurer
        - Vice President
- Backpack Buddies is not officially a PTO program, but we assist with supporting the program. It is in need of a chairperson for next year. Secretary, Special Events, Treasurer (will shadow first year and then take over). Please send an email if you are interested to the PTO email: RollingKnolls ElementaryPTO@gmail.com
- Inclusion Report: Regarding restaurant night at Chick-fil-a.
    - Need to do a better job of considering businesses with whom we partner. This event was never intended to exclude families and we hope to do better going forward.
    - Hope to add an Inclusion Chair to the Executive Board and/or possibly expand this to a committee. One idea is to put together a list of restaurants and have families choose their favorites for restaurant nights.
    - Will move forward with the planned restaurant night at Chick-fil-a on April 21st 5-8pm at both locations, mention RKE
- No new business

Next General PTO Meeting will be May11 th at 6:30pm.

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