Tuesday, June 8, 2021, 6:30pm

RKE PTO Executive Board and 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
Maggie Sosman

Executive Board Meeting, 6pm

Lisa Lyman-- Race for Education raised $5409.75. We did not do the reward because we didn't meet the goal.

Melissa Chernovsky--

- Need to approve the budget for next year.
    - Made some adjustments to the budget to cover teacher appreciation for this year.
    - Can change the budget as needed for next year as we see how things unfold relating to the pandemic.
    - Have placeholders for events.
    - We need to create more incentive for joining the PTO next year, possibly car magnets as a give-away?
    - Lisa Lyman makes a motion to approve the budget for next year. Seconded by Cathy Bishop. Approved unanimously.

Cathy Bishop--Thank you for help with teacher appreciation. Thank you for restaurants and for sidewalk chalk, masks, etc.

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General PTO Meeting, 6:30pm

6 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):

- Have been able to accommodate all students who want to return to school for 4 days a week. Great to hear the students back in the hall. "They are why we are here".
- Next year the goal is 5 days/ week. This is a fluid situation and we won't know anything about what it will be like until August.
- We have learned so much about virtual teaching and the parent/teacher connection. The county will do listening tours and try to keep what worked.
- Thank you to the PTO.
- Question re: chromebooks next year? Parents are worried about not using pencil and paper for little kids. The chromebooks were needed for virtual learning and if we need to transition back to virtual learning. In person, we will use them less.
- Question about using the outdoor classroom? We are using it now.

President's Report (Elizabeth King):

- Need to vote on slate of candidates for the RKE PTO Executive Board 2021-2022 School Year:
    - President : Sarah Seiler
    - President Emeritus: Elizabeth King
    - Vice President: Catherine Bishop (looking for someone)
    - 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
- Lisa Lyman moves to approve the slate, Sarah Seiler seconds. A vote is taken anonymously through a digital poll. 12 votes in favor and 0 opposed. The slate of candidates for the RKE PTO Executive Board 2021-2022 School Year is approved.

Vice President's Report (Cathy Bishop):

- Thank you for helping with teacher appreciation!

Fundraising (Lisa Lyman):

- Virtual Race for Education
    - Raised $5409.75
    - Created and showed a cute video of kids running.

Treasurer's Report (Melissa Chernovsky):

- We have $20,008 in the bank. $10,629.59 of that is restricted for Backpack Buddies program use. This leaves $9,379.13 unrestricted for the PTO budget.
- Budget for next year includes totals from Race for Education.
- Screen shares spreadsheet showing proposed budget for next year and explains the details. Need to vote on this proposed budget.
    - Anonymous digital poll: 10 approve, 0 opposed
    - Proposed budget passes.

Volunteer Coordinator's Report (Lindsey Rouse):

- Working with Arlington Echo on the nectar garden
- Rearranging the outdoor classroom.

Teacher's Report (Michelle Boccomo): Thanks PTO!

New Business:

- Discussed the ongoing efforts to get a traffic light installed on Generals Highway at Knollwood Drive. They did a study and determined it is not an issue, but it is a very big concern for parents, members of the community and bus drivers.
- Maybe hiring a police officer to direct traffic?

Adjourn 7:25pm