October 27, 2020, 6:30pm

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

35 additional attendees joined via Google Meet

Principal's Report (Jazmin Lawhorn):

- Thank you for the Beatification Committee's work on the school's front beds, weeding and picking up trash last Saturday.
- Harvest for the Hungry--We have raised $480 so far. We are 11th among schools participating.
- Reopening Update
    - There will be another public meeting tomorrow night asking people to speak, there will be a go or no go decision
    - School is finding out information at same time as parents and public, plans are constantly changing
    - While the goal is to keep kids with their current teachers there is no guarantee
    - Three groups: virtual whole year stays on current schedule for the rest of the year; the other two groups move to school hours.
    - No response to the survey automatically placed the student in the virtual all year group. The school staff did reach out to parents who didn't respond and found that in most cases this was their intent.
    - Our numbers were similar to other schools in the county with about one third in each group.
    - Planning now for return on the 16th, prepping classrooms, setting up technology, practicing safety procedures so will be second nature
    - Messy plan but doable. The school is working hard to put kids first and are trying for a smooth transition.
- Families in Need

    - There was concern about meeting communities in need, teachers and staff are working with families
    - Will let PTO know if there is a need

President's Report (Elizabeth King):

- Official vote to make Cathy Bishop Vice President of PTO, Lisa Lyman made motion, Approved.
- Working on shade for lower playground, AACPS won't allow over equipment but maybe nearby, will ask about more trees but there are rules about where and when and a need for maintenance
- Privacy screening for the lower field also not forgotten but is on hold right now.

Treasurer's Report (Melissa Chernovsky): $21, 882.96 includes some restricted funds for Backpack Buddies.

- Elizabeth explains that our one and only yearly fundraiser was cancelled last year due to the pandemic so we are low on funds this year and it is impacting our current budget.
- Backpack Buddies: Restricted funds of $10,629 also have not changed. Backpack Buddies program is on hold right now but families in need are having their needs met by the school.
- We have earned $1000 in dues, this is a quarter of what we've earned in years past.
- Earned $50 through Amazon Smile, encourages us to use when shopping on Amazon, select the school and funds go to PTO.
- Only outflow was for T-shirts made for all new students this year.
- Expenses ($11,414):
    - Expenses to put on a Fundraiser including insurance liability
    - Spiritwear
    - Teacher Appreciation
    - Health and Safety
    - Jane Taylor Books
    - Welcome for 1st/K
    - Gift certificate given to draw attendance to Magnet program night
    - Piano accompaniment for concerts
    - PBIS
- Noodles Fundraiser earned $625

Fundraising (Lisa Lyman):

- Restaurant Nights
    - November 16th Chipotle
    - There will be a code to order online
    - Please talk it up, we earned a larger percentage of the Noodles Night than we will for Chipotle so need more participants.

Beautification (Lindsay Rouse): Saturday's event went well, Lindsay and Nichole Gregson will be the new Eco-buddies for RKE, will replant the butterfly garden and outdoor classroom.

Communication

- Facebook Page (Sarah Seiler)
    - 5 more “likes” from Back to School Night
    - 100-300 people seeing posts
    - Send her a message if you have suggestions

Teacher’s Report (Michelle Baccomo): Nothing to report.

Next General PTO meeting will be the 2nd Tuesday of December (the 8th) at 6:30pm.

Adjourn 7:10pm