November 4, 2019, 6:00pm

RKE PTO Executive Board meeting
Attendees:
Elizabeth King
Audrey Baran
Melissa Chernovsky
Catherine Bishop
Lisa Lyman
Maggie Sosman
Jazmin Lawhorn
Wendy Smith
Amy Chitwood
Michelle Baccomo

Budget Discussion: Melissa Chernovsky presents two budgets for discussion, one shows what we are used to spending and the other tries to keep us under the cap of what we have in the bank. Board needs to compare them to see where we can cut because we have less money than previous years.

- Need to discuss special events:
    - Student/Parent Events-- this is a lengthy discussion.
        - We have $1000, Event #1 =$500, Event #2=$500 or one big event.
        - There is worry about excluding some of the student community because of titles (Father/Daughter, Father/Son, Mother/Daughter, Mother/Son).
        - There has been discussion about changing the Father/Daughter dance to a schoolwide dance, but there are concerns about logistics: it could become a 500 person event, it may be too much for current volunteer lead, there is worry about parking, venue space, etc. There is also concern about losing an event that is a well-loved tradition for many.
        - Ms. Lawhorn is asked to weigh in and she reiterates the county's desire to focus on equity, trying to shift from tradition so the events are more inclusive. How can we name it so it's open for everyone?
        - Suggestion to divide event by grades, but some worry about people who have siblings and that this is not inclusive either.
        - Suggestion to have a "boy event" and "girl event" and let students go to either or both, self regulating.
        - Final conclusions:
            - Name should change (no more Father/daughter, Mother/son, etc.)
            - Teachers will volunteer if asked.
            - Can't be for only a couple grades because of siblings.
            - Will take the idea to current lead volunteer for Father/Daughter dance, may need a new lead.

            - Need a flyer or something explaining the change to the community. Will call it “Spring Fling” for now and will be for all students.
            - May need to charge for the event.
    - Variety Night and Movie night are now definite because we have volunteers.
        - Variety Night gets $0. It’s kids performing and may be treated like a concert where there are no refreshments. Volunteer lead may try to get refreshments donated or find a sponsor if they think necessary.
        - Movie Night already budgeted as $500 for the movie license. There is a discussion about how to get this cheaper, need to look into mplc.org where it may be $250, maybe get sponsors? Also need to keep track of how many times a year we are using it so we can decide if worthwhile.
        - Move $150 to Movie Night to allow for refreshments and to keep it free for students. Total Movie Night budget is changed $650 (the $150 comes from Teacher Appreciation).
    - K-1st Welcome has already spent $200.
    - Science Night- was voted out by the Environmental Club. That saves $1500, but has already been eliminated before budget discussion.
- Need $20 for a gift card raffle as an incentive for 5th grade parents to attend magnet night, comes from teacher appreciation.
- PBIS stays $1000. Reptile Man is coming among other activities.
- Last year, an unexpected line item was money spent on Kona Ice Truck. Should have come from Outdoor Classroom (~$639).
- Zell is a program we may use to run Race For Education, may not need to be in budget because if Race for Education goes digital they will save money on stamps.
- Teacher Appreciation is now $2000.

Conclusion of Budget discussion. Audrey Baran moves to approve budget, Maggie Sosman second. Budget approved.

Other Business (Elizabeth King):

- May do Noodles restaurant night after the holidays.
- Rough schedule:
    - Variety Night-- Jan/Feb
    - Spring Fling-- April
    - Movie Night-- May (Outside)
- Look for sponsors for all PTO events
- Fence by Generals Highway- Banner maybe with kids/family as sponsors?
- We will discuss Privacy next meeting.
- How do we make the Rocket Blast more available?
- Do we still want a directory? Yes, this is a way to collect emails.

NEXT MEETING: next general meeting is Dec 3rd
Adjourn approx. 7:35pm