November 10, 2020, 6pm

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

Principal's Report (Jazmin Lawhorn):

- We have spirit days coming up to celebrate Harvest for the Hungry. Discussed ways to get participation.
- We are finalists in runoff for a grant that will require voting at the end of November.
- We will request an interpreter for General PTO meetings--must submit a request day of for Spanish. We had over 30 participants at the last General PTO meeting but several Spanish speaking families left after a few minutes.
- Will have some kind of service or workshop at the next General PTO meeting. Sarah and Elizabeth will come up with a list of topics or resources and tools that may be of interest to parents and put a poll on Facebook where parents may choose. Some ideas were: iready, and the scholastic app.

Vice President's Report (Cathy Bishop):

- How do we get people to fill out the form to participate in the PTO?
    - Email to teachers to post on their google sites.
    - Include in a message about restaurant night.
    - Maybe as PTO becomes more active, and with repeated exposure to PTO events, people will join.

Treasurer's Report (Melissa Chernovsky): No significant changes. $12,237 unrestricted and $10,629 restricted funds for Backpack Buddies.

- Added $625 for Noodles Restaurant night.
- Added $360 in new memberships.

Volunteer Coordinator and Beautification (Lindsay Rouse):

- Participating in Eco Buddies training with Nicole Gregson.
- Plan is to involve K and 1st in planting and the butterfly garden whenever we return to school.
- Maybe do virtual updates on gardening.
- Have contacted Honeysuckle Gardens for mulch or possibly pine needles for the school garden beds.
- Ms. Lawhorn will look into the idea to do a virtual assembly presenting Gardening and Environmental Club possibly per grade level during Friends and Fun Time.

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.
- Ideas for online parents and kids activities to build community
    - PJ Storytime-- geared toward PreK-2nd (but anyone welcome), Ms. Settineri sings, teacher reads
    - Art Night--for 3rd-5th (but anyone welcome)
    - Kahoot-- Parents and Kids compete
    - These could be easy and free at first, logistically can we do it? Ms. Lawhorn will consider it for the spring.
- Book Giveaway Planning
    - Open to all but mostly for people who need it.
    - Possibly partner with the Community Center on this.
    - May we move $150 in PTO Funds that was allotted and not used for Kindergarten orientation toward purchasing books if this comes to fruition?
        - There was a motion to move the $150 in PTO funds from Kindergarten Orientation to the Book Giveaway, motion was seconded. Approved.

Communication

- Facebook Page (Sarah Seiler)
    - Decided Wendy Smith will be a point person for Sarah to help plan Facebook posts, will look ahead at the calendar and can provide photos if needed.

Teacher's Report (Michelle Baccomo): Nothing to report. It is nice to hear from families!

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

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