December 8, 2020, 6:30pm

RKE PTO General 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

10 additional attendees joined via Google Meet

President's Report (Elizabeth King):

- Welcomed the interpreter for the General PTO meeting.
- Minutes can be found on the PTO website.
- Vote for RKE in Build a Bright Future contest until December 11th to receive a grant of $10,000, link will be in Rocket Blast.
- Participate in the Board of Education school calendar survey by December 8th.

Principal's Report (Jazmin Lawhorn):

- Goal is to get Chromebooks into every child's hands. We have gone in order of need but are expecting to get another set that will be distributed in the next two weeks.
- Thank you to the PTO for support, collaboration with Ms. Lyman to distribute books to the RKE community. There will be a message announcing distribution days. Lindsay Lyman made a video to promote.
- A concern for the emotional implications of online learning was raised by an attendee and Ms. Lawhorn reiterated that they are working hard to provide resources, including the Family Google site (https://sites.google.com/aacps.org/rkerockets/home). At school, they are in communication with families. There are opportunities to share during community circle and if anything stands out a teacher will reach out. The teachers are connected. We are more connected this year than any, virtual allows us to be closer to family needs. There are efforts to collect items (jackets, etc) and needs are being met.
- An attendee mentioned CARES Funding is ending next week and there will be less food at food banks, etc. and we should anticipate significant challenges going forward. Resources that families don't need now they will need in a few weeks. Information is posted with contacts for families in need of help with food, rent or eviction assistance to

reach out for help: Feed Anne Arundel, email feedannearundel@gmail.com or call 410-222-FOOD(3663).

Volunteer Coordinator's Report (Lindsay Rouse):

- There are no room parents this year so end of 2020 gifts may be coordinated by individuals or given separately. Don't forget the specials teachers.

Treasurer's Report (Melissa Chernovsky): No significant changes. Balance is $22,846. The outflow is books spending. Unrestricted funds: $12,216.43 and $10,629.59 restricted funds for Backpack Buddies.

Teacher's Report (Michelle Baccomo): We will make a yearbook this year! Will ask parents to upload photos directly to the website into folders by grade. Photos can be things like 1st Day, School Spirit, etc. There can only be current RKE students in the photo. The yearbooks will go on sale through the website.

Ms. Fleshman's Presentation about reading and supporting students. Ms. Fleshman provided slides and in depth discussion of the following online resources:

1. i-Ready
2. Scholastic Digital Manager
3. How Can I Help at Home?
4. Google Site

11:30 -1pm Come to RKE for books tomorrow and next Wednesday!
Next General PTO meeting will be February 9th at 6:30pm.

Adjourn 7:46pm