

Spring Road School PTO Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 26, 2020

Attendees via Zoom Meeting: Laura Taylor, Latham Linstedt, Jessica DeDeker, Jene Fulcer, Diane Luft, , Marie Hechimovich, Tessa Rassmussen, Michele Martin, Patrick Schaefer-Wicke

- Meeting was called to order at 4:33 pm.
- Jessica motioned to approve September minutes and Latham seconded.

- Principal Report:
 - Lanyards came in and have been distributed to the students. Thank you to the PTO for purchasing them.
 - Thank you to the PTO for the delicious conference meal on Thursday night. The staff loved the food and how easy it was to come in and grab a bag and head back to their classroom. Clean-up was a breeze!
 - Physical Education might get to move back inside to the gym pretty soon. The Air Handler system is being fixed and when that is completed they will evaluate filtration and if deemed ok, students should be able to resume inside classes. The gym will still be used for lunches but they are working on adjusting schedules so it can be used for both.
 - The Virtual Book Fair is underway. Tera Preder has been advertising with post to schoology and Facebook. Check it out if you can get a chance.
 - PT Conferences have started. Diane asked for some feedback on parents that have had them. Tessa and Jene both had positive comments to say. They both thought it went very smoothly and liked how the teachers presented information about their kids.
 - A huge thank you to parents for adapting to the changes that are thrown their way. The district is trying to make things run as smoothly as possible for staff, students and parents but sometimes decisions have to be made quickly and its great how positive families are being.
 - There is a change to PBIS celebration this year. A note will be coming home this week. Usually is a celebration at the end of the quarter which is Nov 6. The theme this time is going to be Camp Roadrunner.

- Treasurer report
 - Account Balances (as of 10/26/20)
 - Savings: \$7030.20
 - Checking: \$11856.04
 - Project: \$13,276.88
 - Deposits
 - \$500 Shirley Schloemer donation for PT Conference Meals
 - Pending: \$135 Donations for PT Conference Meals
 - Expenses
 - \$1592.42- School Specialty for Classroom Carpets
 - Pending: \$208.77 Spring Road School (Tshirt reimbursement)
 - Pending: \$39.92 Anna Linstedt (Staff Lounge Griddle)

- Boys Scout Update
 - Been able to meet at Schildt Park a couple of times as the weather has cooperated.

- Den Meeting- They walked the park and collected nature items to decorate pumpkins
- Mosquito Hill visit where they were able to participate in some activities there.
- They did lose 5 scouts this year but they did gain 3.
- Have to recharter by Dec 10th. Jene has a meeting this week and she will get more information on it and bring it to the next meeting for what needs to be filled out.
- Popcorn sales went well. They do have some left still but were very impressed with what they did sell.
- Social Update
 - No updates
- Teacher Appreciation/Conference Meals Update
 - We provided Fazolis on Thursday night. Stucs will be providing Calzones on Tuesday along with cookies from Great Harvest. Friday we have Festival Foods bringing in boxed lunches for all staff. We should be able to cover all costs with donations from families and Shirley Schloemer.
- Trees Coming this Weekend
 - Rich talked to Brady and they are scheduled to come and install the trees this Saturday!
- Family Activities
 - Laura had the idea that we could help offer some social distancing activities for families over the next few months. Some ideas tossed around: Fall Scavenger Hunt, Holiday Lights Scavenger Hunt, Snowman building contest.
 - We are going to start with the kids sending in a picture showing what they are Thankful for, for the month of November. Michele and Jene will work on putting together a scavenger hunt for December and coming up with ideas for January.
 - Marie brought up an idea of BINGO. There are websites you can hold virtual BINGO games with. Laura will send that to Jene and Michele as well to see if it's something we could do.
- Parking Lot
 - There was a discussion about issues occurring recently in the parking lot during drop off in the morning. The flow of traffic has not been working very well and there have been numerous close calls with accidents or pedestrians almost getting hit.
 - Diane did talk to Kobussen and they are going to have the busses use the drop off lines to see if that helps with keeping cars in lanes. She also sent out information via email, schoology and Facebook about some new procedures. Cars are now asked to go all the way down to the entrance by the gym to drop off. They shouldn't be stopping by the office doors anymore.
 - It was suggested that the school also implement using the cones and signs for Car 1, Car 2, etc to help show parents where to be stopping to drop off. Some staff will also be brought outside to help with traffic and it was also suggested they wear reflective vests to bring attention to themselves.
 - They are going to try this for a little bit and see if it helps, otherwise, some other suggestions of where bus drop off could be was given.
- Additional Business
 - Diane asked about Teacher Favorites document. Laura is working on it and hopes to have it finished this week.
 - Patrick asked a question about President Trump's executive order on 1776 Commission to support patriotic education in the classroom. Diane informed him, that would be a discussion that would need to be held with the School Board and the Curriculum Specialists in the District.
 - Laura asked about when a class is in quarantine, are they still having the same schedules with specials as when the District is in Red and all virtual. Diane said because it is a temporary time in virtual, she isn't expecting specials to create a virtual lesson plan. Latham did share that in the current circumstance with Mrs. Kraft class, he and Mrs. Barrow did create lessons for this week at least.

- Laura gave a shout out to the Food Service Dept in the district. They have been amazing and accommodating to help when classes go virtual last minute.
- Meeting was adjourned at 5:53 pm.