

ERMS PTO Meeting
9/6/2011
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Call to Order/ Roll Call

Attendees:

PTO Board:

President: Mike Lenstra
1st Vice President: Beth Weiland
2nd Vice President: Peggy Mulderig - absent
Treasurer: Kelly Wollmuth
Recording Secretary: Laura Oberfoell
Corresponding Secretary: Mary Fink
Dale Lass, Principal
Jeff Johll, Assistant Principal
Members at Large:

Jane Rife Annette Lucy

Approval of Minutes: No minutes were taken at the orientation meeting. (A copy of the by-laws were handed out to all in attendance, and are available to anyone wishing to have a copy.)

Announcements:

Election Results: Mary Fink certified the election results. Mike Lenstra will remain as president, Peggy Mulderig will be a vice president, and Laura Oberfoell will be the recording secretary.

Goals: Each person in attendance shared their goals for the year. Dale shared that he would like to see shades put in the cafeteria, screens for the library & cafeteria, mounted projectors in rooms without, more technology for students, and professional development for the teachers to use the technology. Beth shared that she would like to see the sound system for the auditorium updated. Mike mentioned field trips and more in the area of the PBS (speakers, etc). Annette suggested laptops/Ipads and mics for the theater. Kelly also mentioned the PBS. Laura shared Annette's belief in the need for more technology for students. Mary mentioned that we might be able to fund more Roosevelt clubs that may need it.

Committee Reports:

Dance: Mr. Johll heard from Cheri-Lynn Watson that she would like to have \$50 for games for 6th grade and \$50 for a cooler (so they would no longer have to use personal coolers). Beth Weiland made a motion to cover those amounts, and the board approved. She also asked for a new printer for the pictures taken at the dance (which would run about \$400). The board opted to defer that request at this time. They mentioned speaking with Kristi Howes about it and possibly shopping around.

Spirit Wear: Jane Rife reported that the spirit wear sales at parent night were a huge success. She mentioned that she may sell the spirit wear at a home game



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for each of the sports currently going on. She also mentioned that a new sweatshirt design is coming. She also said that there will be 2 more order opportunities coming. It was also suggested that maybe next year Roosevelt host a night before school starts where kids can come to drop off supplies, look for classes, try their lockers, and shop for spirit wear. It was also suggested that we have the volunteer sign-up sheets there.

FAME: Mr. Dodd has stepped down as the faculty leader for FAME. Mr. Lass is working on securing another leader. Annette Lucy and Mr. Lass agreed to meet soon to discuss a timeline for the play. Beth volunteered herself and Laurie Lenstra to help organize the volunteers. Mike said he is looking into doing online ticket sales. Mr. Lass said he is looking at scripts.

Yearbook: Mr. Johll said he heard from Kirstin Pope that the cover for the yearbook is to be chosen this month. There is also a meeting set up with a rep. from Jostens. The price of the yearbook has remained the same for a few years.

Newsletter: Mike reported that the newsletter will go home on Wednesdays rather than Thursdays this year. It was suggested that we include the options and prices for "extras" in the cafeteria, so parents can get a better handle on the meal accounts. Mike mentioned the need for more pictures for the newsletter. If anyone has some from Roosevelt events, they can contact Mike.

Hospitality: Cookies for open house and muffins and fruit for the teachers during in-service week were provided. The next thing they will provide is food for the teachers during parent/teacher conferences.

Continuing Business:

Screens: The screens in the gym and cafeteria have not been ordered yet, as Mr. Lass is waiting for approval from the district. Mr. Lass shared a list of things that are needed in the building including new screens, shades for the cafeteria, LCD projectors for the cafeteria, library and a few classrooms that don't have one. The approximate total needed for these things is about \$10,800. Mr. Lass asked that the PTO cover about \$6000 - \$7500 for these things, and the rest would be paid from the building's operating budget. A motion was made by Beth Weiland, to approve this. A second was made by Mary Fink, and this was approved by the board.

Ice Machine: This suggested purchase was tabled for now. The cafeteria staff has concerns about maintaining the machine (cleaning, health concerns, etc.)

Principal's Report: Mr. Lass reported that the traffic before school seems to be flowing better now (new drop off in back). He said that Jenny Kress (a teacher new to the building who used to maintain Kennedy's website) will be working on the website for Roosevelt. Mr. Lass shared his idea for recognizing honor students. He felt the kids could have an assembly in October, Dale would then excuse the kids from class for the afternoon, and they could get into small



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groups and brainstorm/discuss their ideas about education and how school should be. He would invite the superintendent and the school board. Lastly, Mr. Lass asked the PTO to agree to cover the cost of refills for the new hand sanitizer machines that have been installed in the cafeteria. He said he will check into the cost of the sanitizer and what the district will pay before seeking PTO funds. *Mr. Johll said that activities such as football, volleyball, cross country and 6th grade track. Mr. Johll also mentioned that the parent night for 6th grade had its regular nice sized turn out. He was pleased to report that 7th and 8th grade had their best turn outs yet.

Treasurer's Report:

Kelly Wollmuth reported that there is nothing new at this time. There is a deposit from spirit sales to be made, and payments will go out for the dance.

New Business/Request Forms:

Flags: Mike proposed that we get some new traffic flags, as the ones we have are fading badly. Mr. Lass said he would order some.

Joe Dolan (6th grade teacher): Mr. Dolan made a request for \$450 to take students to EB Lyons for a service project / learning opportunity. (They study prairies as a part of the curriculum). That request was approved.

Mr. Norman: Mr. Norman requested \$400 for a student oboe (so that Roosevelt would have 3 available for kids – one at each grade level). That request was approved. *Mr. Norman also requested \$3825 for a bassoon. A discussion revolved around the fact that the cost is so high, and it will only benefit one student each year (if there is one able to play it each year). The board also talked about the fact that we do currently have one we are able to borrow from another school. After the discussion, there was no motion make for this request. The board declined the request.

Sierra Society: This group requested \$400 for 5 64-gallon bins to be used for composting in the cafeteria. This request was approved by the board.

Reminders:

Next meeting will be on October 4th at 5:30.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laura Oberfoell.



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