

April 21, 2021

Attendees: Allison Crawford, Nikki Schmaltz, Katie Sumey, Amber Blume, Rachael Eggers-Ferry, Emily Spaans, Karen Walters, and Shannon Huber.

Meeting called to order at 12:04pm.

Minutes

The minutes from the March 17 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Nikki gave the treasurer's report as Kristina was not present for the meeting. The bank balance is \$8,791.03. It was suggested to make a line item in the budget for Covid-related items, such as water bottles and masks. Currently some of the water bottles purchased are listed under teacher appreciation. A motion was made and approved to table approval of the budget until next month pending discussion with the treasurer regarding adding that line item to re-categorize the purchase of those water bottles.

Principal's Reports

Amber Blume gave the Principal's report. The faculty council met this morning and reviewed the school improvement plan. This plan is due to the state on May 1. Targeted funding will then be available for support of certain subgroups of students. We are also expecting federal "covid money" to address educational gaps that arose due to covid.

Testing is coming up with the South Dakota assessment which will begin on Monday. Staff and teachers are being hired throughout the district, especially the middle schools and high schools.

Teachers are working on what the Year End Celebration can look like. Unfortunately, the covid cases are not as much lower as had been hoped. This will impact the end of the year celebrations.

Transition planning is underway as many kids are changing schools due to moving Honors and also the boundary changes. Dave Christian will be the new athletic coordinator at Edison.

As part of the 8th grade ELA curriculum, the kids work significantly on poetry, and the Poetry Slam is one event the kids do. This year it will be a virtual Poetry Slam for the finalists. The kids will perform for their classes and teachers select winners. Then they perform for their grades, and the winners go on to the district competition. Usually approximately 35 kids perform for all of Edison. The teachers are asking if the PTO would want to provide a \$5 giftcard to the 35 kids who make it to that level. There was the suggestion to attempt to find a corporate sponsor for this. Karen will look into doing this and report back by Friday.

Old Business

Teacher Appreciation: Nikki got some pricing on some of the ideas that had been suggested previously. This will be discussed after the end of the meeting in the format of a committee meeting. Ideas will be run by Amber Blume before being finalized.

New Business

Administrative Professionals Day: Today is Administrative Professionals Day. The PTO would like to thank all of them today. Thank you also to Allison for picking out the gifts for each of the Administrative Professionals which was a potted violet for each of them.

Fundraisers for Next Year: Allison and Nikki have been in contact with the representative from Club's Choice (Tracy), which can do both the Color Run and the catalog sales as we have in the past. The rep is wondering if we want to set up fundraisers for next year. Amber Blume said to go ahead with planning for next year, as the school district is hoping to be "as back to normal as we can be" beginning in the fall. It was decided to move forward with both the Color Run and catalog sales with Club's Choice and Tracy for Fall 2021. The sooner we move forward, the more likely we are to be able to choose the dates we want, but it will be important to have "an out clause" in the contract. Tracy may have a record of the dates that we've done in the past.

2021-2022 Board Nominees:

Co-Presidents: Nikki Schmaltz and (Nominee needed)

Secretary: Shannon Huber

Treasurer: Kristina Sipma

An email will be sent out looking for another nominee for co-president.

The next scheduled PTO meeting is Wednesday, May 19, 2021, at noon on Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 12:49pm.