PTO Meeting, Little River K-8 School

March 7, 2022 via Zoom

Attendees: Maren Schreiber, Stephanie Riley, Sarah Friskney, Corey Hogans, Seronda Robinson, Lynette Williams, Easley Schack, Stacey Swanson, Kayley Talbert, Martha Camacho, Christina Randall, Kim Perry, Erica McRae, Wa’Quita McCauley

Meeting Began 6:03 pm.

PTO Updates:

1. Winter Break Bingo

-PTO purchased popper toys as small prizes for drawing winners.

1. Board Nominations

-Requesting nominations for board positions. Send email to littleriverpto@hotmail.com with nomination.

-Positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary are all taking nominations.

-Committee chairs needed for GoPlaySave fundraiser and Book Fair.

-Board members will remain on Zoom call after meeting ends to answer questions about being on the board.

1. Book Fair

-Book Fair will set up on April 7 and begin April 8.

-Kids will be able to attend the fair with their classes twice, separately from scheduled media center visits, first time to preview and second time to purchase books.

-Parents will also be able to attend on the day of the Vendor Show, 4/9.

-Volunteers needed; will create a sign up genius with time slots.

1. Fundraiser Event: April 9

-April 9 is a big fundraising event with Book Fair, Vendor Show, and Garage Sale.

-Volunteers will be needed for Saturday 4/9 from 1-5 pm—will create sign up genius for this event as well as Book Fair.

1. Volunteer Status

-Go to dpsnc.net to check or renew your current DPS volunteer status! Turnaround for approval is relatively quick.

-Needed for any in-school volunteer, such as Book Fair.

1. Flower Power Fundraiser

-Opened discussion on whether to try again with the Flower Power fundraiser after disappointing response in the fall.

-Some thought it was worth a try; others did not think it would do well.

-We planned (as of November meeting) to try the fundraiser again as many seem more interested in the spring planting season than the fall season.

-Easley will look into starting a sale in time for spring planting online order cut off, which is May 15.

1. Financial Update

-Nothing Bundt Cakes: sent email, now waiting for a response.

-Spirit Wear: Ms. Neil is not currently running a spirit wear sale, so we will continue to look into this with BigFrog.

-Dine Out Nights: We are still receiving checks from monthly Dine Out Nights at Zaxby’s. January check was for $350.00, February for $360.00.

-Asking teachers to turn in reimbursement forms before spring break.

1. Important Dates

-Early Release (12:15) 3/9

-Spirit Day: Wear Green (St. Patrick’s Day) 3/17

-Spirit Day: Favorite Team Day 3/25

1. Other Questions and Concerns

-Bell Schedule Change: Dr. Hogans confirmed that the bell schedule will be adjusted for next year following decision at recent DPS Board meeting and more information is going out soon with specific details.

-DPS Masking Requirement: Board voted to continue requiring masks. This decision will be reviewed at each monthly meeting.

-Crayons 2 Calculators: next shopping date is April 12. The last event went very smoothly and was well-organized.

-Date Reminders: Book Fair will run April 8-14. Vendor Show is April 9.

-School/Teacher Needs: We will plan to put out a request to teachers for donation requests. The PTO Amazon wish list will be updated soon to reflect more current needs. There is also a CheddarUp button on the PTO website for monetary donations.

-Ease of finding PTO meeting: We will make the PTO Zoom link easier to find by sending it out on the day of the meeting. Some missed it when the email went out early.

-Reminder to link AmazonSmiles and Harris Teeter accounts to Little River PTO.

-Teacher Appreciation Week: We are working on a plan for this and will provide details as it comes closer. We also need a chair for the Hospitality committee for next year.

Meeting adjourned by Maren Schreiber at 6:27 pm.

Current board members stayed on call briefly after meeting but no new questions were raised.

Minutes prepared by Kayley Talbert