

REIDENBAUGH PTO - MEETING MINUTES

3/5/24- Opened at 6:33 PM

OFFICERS PRESENT: Kim Firestone, Rachel McIntyre, Lisa Read and Amanda Smith

TEACHERS / STAFF PRESENT: Lindsay Capoferri

PARENTS PRESENT: Christine Gerben, Carolyn Garneau, Lauren Abel

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Lindsay – I am really excited about all the events coming. A huge thank you to all the chair people making these things happen – spring family fun night with the bookfair and project fair, teacher appreciation week, spring festival, 4th grade celebration, yearbook, etc. We are all a team here which is why this is a parent and teacher organization. When committees are working on something we are working as a team, no decisions are made in isolation. I am part of those decisions and want to be transparent about that. I encourage all parents that are interested in being involved to go to the chairs with any questions directly. While I am involved and know what is happening it would be best to go directly to those running the event. We all want what is best for the kids and modeling the behavior we want to see in them. Amanda jumped into the treasurer role this year and has done an excellent job with the budget. Those numbers are available at any time. Decisions always come back to what is best for the kids. I love your kids and want to do what's best for them. Thank you from me and on behalf of my teachers, thank you.

TEACHER'S REPORT: No report.

COMMITTEE'S REPORTS:

- **Yearbook** – Sales are open. Currently at 223 copies sold. Sales will close on March 29th.
- **Spring Family Night and Book Fair** – Wednesday, 3/27 5:00-7:30pm. Book fair in auditorium, project fair in the gym, story time in the library, concessions in the cafeteria, photo ops, scavenger hunt. Coin challenge starts next week. Flyers for coin challenge will be going out tomorrow. This year the money raised will be used to allow student/classrooms to shop for books during the bookfair to donate to underprivileged students/schools in the community. Working on where that will go. Great opportunity for a service project and for our school to give back. Based on the school survey results we understand families are looking for opportunities for service projects and ways to give back so we are eager to include our students in the process and make this a meaningful experience for them. Scholastic rewards are earned based on sales at the fair and those rewards will be divided amongst our staff so they can purchase books and/or supplies for their classroom. Volunteer signups for the event will be sent soon.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week** – Friends theme. PTO budgets \$750 towards the week. Each year, the chairpersons make a plan and go above and beyond to make it extra special, at their discretion. The additional donations from our families help immensely in supplementing our budget and thanking them in a special way.
- **Spring Festival** – This is our biggest event of the year. We are dividing this up this year. Our chairs will be focusing on coordinating activities and vendors for the event. We are looking for someone to help gather community donations. Baskets will be changing to one basket donation per grade level rather than a donated basket per homeroom to help cutdown on what we ask of our families. Brainstorming ideas for student experience baskets.
- **4th Grade Celebration** – Committee assignments will be finalized tomorrow and volunteers will be notified. Tshirt forms, donations, and permission slips are due March 15th. Looking forward to getting to work with our committees! Reidenbaugh's 4th grade celebrations are a tradition and really unique even compared to other elementary schools in the district. It's a privilege to be able to celebrate our students in this way. The PTO budgets \$500 for the 4th grade celebration. Additional fundraising benefits that class alone and is optional and a unique choice for each class each year. Kim wanted to say thank you for the huge undertaking. It's very special for our kids. Our chairs have been working as a team with our administration. Making sure this is a fun, memorable, safe, and inclusive experience for our students is our top priority. Lindsay wants to thank

the committee for being open to the time change this year to ensure that all 4th graders are there for the event and transportation is not a barrier.

- **Potential Pottery Night** –Working on options and logistics. Looking at April/May.

PTO Survey – Would like to drill a little further from the survey Lindsay sent out to get more families engaged. Would like to get this feedback before our annual planning over the summer. We want to make sure we are offering events that are fun and accessible or everyone.

Leadership Opportunities – Kim and Rachel are finishing their term this year. Lisa and Amanda have 1 more term left. There are leadership opportunities available. Kim is here next year (one more year) and is willing to serve on the board if that help is needed and wanted or willing to simply serve as an advisor. She does not feel that serving as president by herself for one more year would be in the best interest of the PTO but would considering serving as co-president if the PTO needs that to help prepare the next president and ensure continuity. Rachel will run for Vice President again. It is an open election. Election meeting will be held in April. We will begin reaching out to our current chairpersons to see if they want to return next year and then chairperson opportunities will be made available.

Treasurer's Report – 2023-2024 school year has a planned a deficit of \$4,030. Currently we are at a surplus of \$4,426.72. That sounds good but we are coming into the time of year when we have a lot of money being paid out with the all the field trips, transportation, etc. The money made a spring festival is vital to keep us on track. Our budget is always available at any time to see how money is flowing in/out. Kim notes that having a CPA for a treasurer has been fantastic and we appreciate Amanda.

SLAC – No updates. Next SLAC meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 11th. Lindsay will be adding a SLAC section in her weekly newsletter.

Next PTO meeting is on April 11th - 9:30am at Reidenbaugh Elementary.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.