MEETING MINUTES

RMS PTO MEETING

April 6, 2018, Roosevelt Middle School LLC
Meeting Called To Order by: Stephanie Wernet. Time: 9:19 am

Present: Stephanie Wernet, Sarah Hampson, Allison Parrell, Larry Garstki, Kim Meyer, Karen Simon, Ann Harmon, Amy Kurtz, Sharon Barry, Laura Minnis, Ellen Chamberlain, Lynn Kamenitsa

Executive and Administrative Report.

Imagine OPRF **Lynn Kamenitsa**

- Imagine OPRF is a community initiative for the master plan for OPRF. They are looking for community input on planning the future for OPRF. The school has had fifteen additions since it was built in 1907. April 16 is the next public meeting, plus there are public tours planned for April 14 and 16. They are working with consultants to re-organize rooms and floor plans. They do not know how much the building project will cost yet; there is a chance there will be a referendum to pay for this.

Presidents' Report **Sarah Hampson**

- March minutes were approved.

- Presentation of the slate from recruitment committee. Lisa Krusinski chaired the committee. Ann Harmon will take Stephanie W's place as co-president. Most positions have been filled but a few positions are pending. It is possible that Parent Enrichment is on hold for the next school year.

- Spring coffee for interested parents in being part of PTO will be April 24, from 6-7 pm, and is primarily for incoming fifth grade parents.

- The PTO is working on the calendar for next school year. They will try to coordinate with Lincoln and Willard on dates, such as school supply pick-up in August. They are considering having one or two evening meetings or starting a few meetings at 8:30am.

- The PTO transition meeting will be May 11 at 11am at River Forest Library. This will be for those who are transitioning out of their PTO positions and give information and documents to the incoming people.

Treasurer's Report **Karen Simon**

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- Financial report: Income is on track. There were Fun Lunch expenses. We will carry over spiritwear from this year to next year.

Superintendent's report **Ed Condon**

- No report.

Principal's Report **Larry Garstki**

- PARCC testing is going on this week and next week. The state uses the results of those tests.

- Text-a-tip will come live soon, probably fall, and it is a mental health line for kids who are feeling depressed or know of kids who are depressed. Kids will get a phone number to call or text to a trained mental health professional; the kids will get immediate help. It is anonymous but the therapists will try to get their names. OPRF will be part of this grant as well.

- Snowflake day will be April 24, on an advisory day. Snowflake is an organization that is about teen leaders. There will be team building, relationship building, and a chance for the kids to interact in a positive way. They will be practicing the inclusiveness skills they have learned.

- There will be a student advisory council starting with current 7th graders.

- Pilot program with flexible furniture at all three district schools. Chairs are adjustable and desks can be folded up and rolled and moved around easily. Teachers are very excited about these and the kids like them.

- PTO Grants are now being paid out. Props for Shakespeare play, lab coats and goggles for science labs, and audio studio for the computer lab are some of the things that the grants have paid for.

Board Liaisons' Report **Kim Meyer**

- At the COW meeting on March 6, text-a-tip was discussed.
- At the Board of Education meeting on March 9, it was announced that there will be work done on the RMS roof, which will be completed by the beginning of the next school year. Also, summer school will run June 14-July 13.
- D90 Safety Committee will be formed and will include police and fire departments so that all three schools will have a good emergency plan.
- RMS will be hiring a math specialist; Lincoln and Willard have one already. The specialist will coordinate the entire district.

<u>Administrative Reports</u>

Grade Coordinator Updates:

- 5th Grade: Pack the gym will be May 3.
- 6th grade: No report.
- 7th grade: No report.
- 8th grade: Graduation is still being planned.

8th Grade Lock-in: **Stephanie Schrodt (as reported by Stephanie W)**

- About 137 8th graders attended Lock-In and the feedback from the kids was very positive. The event came in under budget.

School Store **Amy Kurtz**

- SchoolKidz is expensive for school supplies at the school store. There is a question of whether the school store should supply these things. School store is now geared towards convenience, not really as a money maker. School store will no longer order any books. It is being downsized. It will not be open on the first day of school.

Meeting adjourned 10:35am
Allison Parrell, RMS PTO Secretary