

**Roosevelt PTO Meeting
Meeting via Zoom
November 4th, 2021 7pm**

Present: Gen Jones, Melissa Lutz, Dr. Ed Condon, Larry Garstki, Ashley Palmer, Erin Llanes, Amy Hansmann, Sara Wienkes, Megan Hunkele, Renee Sichlau, Katie Avalos, Audrea Montalbano, Rachel Parker, Mia Esposito, Megan Thomas, Dawne Simmons, Beth Vlerick, Sally Gregory

Meeting called to order at 1901. Notes from October 1st, 2021 meeting approved. Larry moved to approve the minutes, they were seconded by Melissa.

Introductions of co-presidents were made for any new parents joining.

Treasurer Report, Amy Hansmann

PTO dues are still coming in. Penny Wars raised just over \$3500. Orders are strong for Marla's Lunch this semester but we receive only .60 per lunch so encourage everyone to continue ordering. We do still provide fee waived students with lunches as well. See treasure's paper report for more in depth numbers.

Superintendent Report, Ed Condon

Illinois School Report Cards have been released. There is not much information available with this release because a lot of data is missing. Numerous school districts administered the IAR in the fall instead of the spring. Some data was collected incorrectly and some scores were waived, so the numbers are hard to compare with so many holes. There will be a second release in December/January and we will have more information at that time. At the BOE meeting, Allison Hawley released data on grade level assessments performed specifically for our students. This information gives us much more specific data related to our students.

National Equity Project has been renewed and we are grateful to the BOE. Two upcoming goals are to give students a space to share their personal experiences and giving them a chance to have a say in decisions. Secondly, there is a new program called "Copilot Elevate" that collects feedback from students on how they feel in a classroom related to instruction. This gives teachers a chance to look objectively at their practice.

Parent Teacher Conferences are 11/10 & 11. Hopefully everyone has signed up. Teachers are excited to share how students are doing in the classroom.

Covid vaccine clinic is close to being confirmed. Jewel Osco has relayed that they will have enough doses. The clinic is tentatively scheduled for 11/19. On this time schedule, students will be fully vaccinated before winter break.

River Forest does not have their own health department so it is exciting that Jewel Osco is partnering with District90 on this.

Q: Will the optional covid screening still occur? A: Yes this will still be in place for those students who cannot be vaccinated or choose not to be vaccinated. Hopefully this process will continue to streamline and become even more efficient. Families can still opt in by contacting the district.

Principal Report, Larry Garstki

Every Thursday about 140-150 students are tested during the covid screening. Students were allowed to use their lockers this week! Students are able to return to their lockers between classes which is about 4X a day. Many students are preferring to carry their backpacks with them but the school is encouraging students to use their lockers to decrease backpacks all over the classroom and especially to keep phones in the locker. Friday was Halloween Spirit Day. The students loved the day and it was really enjoyed by the 8th grade who were positive, appropriate and fun.

Parent Teacher Conference links have been checked and are live.

Report cards will go out electronically tomorrow. MAP and IAR scores are also being released.

Standards Based Report Cards will be introduced next year. Teachers are working on aligning their curriculum to the standards that are present on the report cards. This work is ongoing and nearing completion. You will receive a report on how your child is progressing on the standards being taught that semester. There will also be a behavioral, SEL section related to participation, behavior, etc. There will also most likely be a grade assigned in a separate section. How this will all be reported out is still being worked on.

We have been ranked by US World and News Report as being in the top middle schools in the country.

Q: Will cell phone rules be revisited by the school so that all students are aware of the expectations? A: Yes, we will spell out the rules next week.

We can also add this to the Bulletin to remind parents about phone usage and expectations.

Larry will be having conversations with the 8th graders this week about expectations for the 2nd half of the year.

Teacher Liaison Report, Rachel Parker

Ms. Parker introduced herself. She is happy to be here. Penny Wars was such a hit and students loved it! Rachel loved watching the kids be engaged.

Co-President Report, Genevieve Jones/Melissa Lutz

Book Fair is starting next week (M-W). This will be online and students can attend in person.

Shout out to 20 member Roosevelt Science Team which is traveling to Fenwick this week for the Science Fair.

Reed Plumbing donated \$780 to Penny Wars to cover all our costs. The PTO is very grateful!

Parents, please visit the lost and found and encourage your students to do so.

We are still collecting PTO donations and money is still coming in steadily.

Melissa wanted to reiterate how much the parents are loving the online conferences and we are so grateful that the teachers are happy to do them as well. Dinner will be provided for teachers during parent/teacher conferences.

School Board Liaison Report, Sara Wienkes

Sara encourages everyone to watch Dr. Hawley's presentation on grade level assessments. Here's the link to the Alison Hawley presentation from the COW meeting on Tuesday, provided by Dawne Simmons.

http://www.district90.org/about/files/Documents/Presentations/Data%20Presentation.%C2%A0D90_MAP_Nov_COW_2021_FINAL.pdf

Committee Reports

Positive Youth Development, Megan Hunkele via Gen Jones

Roosevelt Red Ribbon week was last week. This is one of the oldest drug prevention programs in the country and we were happy to participate.

On the 18th DePaul Community and Family Services, and D97 is sponsoring an event that will be supporting the mental health and well being of our LGBTQ youth.

Later this month there will be a Glenbard Parent Series presentation. It will help parents navigate discussions with our kids about topics such as setting limits; giving constructive criticism; and engaging in respectful and effective dialog.

More information will be announced in the upcoming Bulldog Bulletins.

Fun Lunch, Ashley Palmer via Gen Jones

We are so grateful to our volunteers. We have moved locations and the new area is running much smoother. We have also increased our sales. Marla's Lunch is currently lining up vendors for January-June. Fun lunch registration is currently open for orders through December.

Teacher Appreciation, Laura Minnis via Gen Jones

For National Custodian Day (10/2), we handed out gift cards. For National Principal's Day (10/29) we gave Mr Gartski and Mrs Steketee chocolates from a local vendor. Treats were also provided for the staff on the Thursday (10/28) before Halloween. We have the teachers conference dinner set up for Wednesday, 11/10. The PTO is purchasing dinner from Angie's Pantry this year.

PIMA, Audrea Montalbano

First Dine and Share at Lou Malnati's took place yesterday. PIMA received a call from corporate that they neglected to notify the Oak Park restaurant and apologized that staffing had not been increased for the night.

More information will be forthcoming on upcoming concerts on the 17th and 18th. One parent is being allowed per student.

New Family

No report.

Spelling Bee, via Gen Jones

We are down to 3 finalist who will compete on Tuesday and winner will be announced next week.

G4G, Renee Sichlau

Walk to School was heavily participated in, on average more than 78% of students walked or biked. On Wednesday, students wearing helmets were given a dollar. About 146 dollars were handed out. Students were encouraged to donate the dollar to the penny wars.

Some corners had much heavier traffic so this should be looked at next year. Thank you to Larry and teachers for bike safety education and to the volunteers who handed out prizes and counted heads. Thank you as well to the crossing guards.

We may try to hold a Polar Walk to School day during the winter.

Britney Yelnick has resurrected the EcoWarriors club. Mr. Kadlec has been working on winterizing the garden and replanting weather appropriate vegetables.

This weekend is the Pumpkin Smash on Saturday 9-12. This year we have volunteers who are gathering pumpkins left on curbs and hoping to beat the 3 tons of pumpkins diverted last year. Students will be onsite helping as well.

Inclusion and Belongingness, Beth Vlerick

This is a new committee that we would like to add to the Roosevelt Committee Slate. Beth had met with Denise Matthews who was the Special Ed director at Roosevelt but unfortunately, she moved on to another school and the committee was put on hold. Now Beth, Gen and Melissa have met with the new Special Ed director, Debbie Lubeck and is excited about moving forward.

There was a survey sent out previously which assessed information to this end so not sure if another survey would really be helpful.

The committee focus would be twofold: work with Roosevelt on issues surrounding inclusion and belonging and exploring barriers to getting more families involved in the PTO. To this end, Beth is joining the district IAB will create a liaison position where she can report back to us information from the district level.

There are big discussions going on at the district IAB level about what the role of the committee will be going forward as issues arise and changes happen. Beth will report back after the next meeting.

Q: Have you had a chance to talk to the IAB committee heads at the Elementary Schools? A: We hope that IAB at Roosevelt will be able to build on the elementary schools and not duplicate them.

The upcoming BOE equity meeting may be useful in helping to formulate an agenda for the Roosevelt IAB committee.

Old/New Business

None

Meeting adjourned at 1955.

Next meeting 12/3.