

Roosevelt PTO Meeting
Meeting outside at Roosevelt Circle Drive
October 1st, 2021 0900 am

Present: Gen Jones, Melissa Lutz, Dr. Ed Condon, Larry Garstki, Ashley Palmer, Erin Llanes, Amy Hansmann, Sally Gregory, Sara Wienkes, Gwen Geraghty, Lailani Workman, Megan Hunkele, Renee Sichlau, Sheba Chipplinkar, Katie Avalos, Audra Montalbaro, Katie Bevan, Kimberly Hlavin, Steve Hlavin, Alissa Digman

Meeting called to order at 0907. Notes from September 3rd, 2021 meeting approved. Sara moved to approve the minutes, they were seconded by Renee.

Treasurer Report, Amy Hansmann

No issues to report.

Penny wars excitement is here!

\$1300 in PTO donations have come in this month!

Fun lunch is really more of a convenience than a fundraiser right now.

If you need to put in an expense report or reimbursement, please state that in the subject line of the email containing the report, emailed to Amy. The money will come from 5th/3rd bank and will be unmarked.

Superintendent Report, Ed Condon

Dr. Condon welcomed everyone.

Covid screening initiative was supposed to start 9/30 but the 3rd party operations group was not quite ready with enough staff. The new start date is Thursday of next week. The screening is performed weekly for those students not vaccinated and who opt in. If you would still like your child to be part of this initiative and you did not sign up, please email the school.

Our staff was fully vaccinated at a rate of 97% before the state mandate and we have a few more in the process of being vaccinated since the governor's mandate. Those with medical exemptions are being worked with.

10/14 there will be a booster vaccination clinic for the staff that is eligible.

The school is looking seriously at academic impact that covid and home schooling has had on students. It is important that we address that challenge in a positive way and not through the lens of "learning loss". Our goal is to assess and understand impact and provide interventions for any urgent needs. Alison Hawley gave a presentation to the BOE last month on the assessments that have been conducted and there will be more forthcoming. District 90 retirement event was held last night, 9/30. Dr. Condon was pleased that the event was able to be held in a covid safe environment. Retirees and family from the last 3 years were honored.

Determinations are being made on school events to be held after 11/1 and how or if they can be held in a covid safe manner. Covid cases in the district are low and are even better than hoped for and can be followed on line.

Q: How many students are enrolled in the screening testing initiative program? A: About 130. The goal is to remove students from the population who may be covid positive and are

asymptomatic. The drawback of course is that the student and family must be quarantined and of course this impacts the family.

Q: Does the information of a positive test need to be reported to the Department of Health, even if it turns out to be a false positive. A: Yes. Any positive should be considered positive. The covid shield test has been shown to be the most reliable. Q: The question remains, can the school override these mandates and allow students to be taken off quarantine if the result is shown to be false? A: The district is using a 10 day quarantine model which has a high degree of confidence in keeping covid positive students out of school. We as a school do not really veer away from the Department of Health's recommendations.

Q: How can we unenroll students from the initiative once they are vaccinated. A: Call the school nurse.

Q: How long do the results take to come back. A: Less than 24 hours. Nurse will be notified of positive tests and family will be notified.

Gen tabling Q&A on covid, please remain after meeting if you have more questions.

Principal Report, Larry Garstki

Students can now use the water fountains and the school is considering letting them use their lockers.

Penny Wars is off to a great start. This week alone, for example, the school collected over 24,000 pennies.

Today is spirit day, students are encouraged to wear blue & white and/or Roosevelt gear. During some 7th/8th grade communications classes, the students are practicing mindfulness during outdoor classes.

Bike safety is upcoming, sponsored by G4G and PE classes.

First quarter ends 10/28. Larry encouraged everyone to familiarize themselves with Schoology.

Employee shortage is present here at Roosevelt as well as across the country. The biggest shortage is for substitute teachers. If you are interested, all you need is a bachelor's degree in any field. Please contact the administrative offices.

Q: When do clubs start? A: Next week.

Teacher Liaison Report, Rachel Parker via Melissa Lutz

Melissa and Gen checked in with Ms. Parker to let her know of grants available and to find out what resources and interventions the teachers could use from us and how school is going in general. This will be an ongoing conversation.

Co-President Report, Genevieve Jones/Melissa Lutz

Penny Wars has brought in a large amount of money and Gen is happy to report that so far, we have made over \$2000.

We are still looking into prizes for the winners but most likely will be donuts or churros, all will be nut free.

School Board Liaison Report, Sara Wienkes

Alison Hawley's report given at the 9/7 meeting can be viewed on line.

Committee Reports

Positive Youth Development, Megan Hunkele

Strengthening Families class is coming up soon. Please look at the bulletin for information and how to sign up. There will also be a blast coming out from the school about this class. The Strengthening Families class focuses on parents communicating effectively with their kids. It is a 10 week course, once a week. Gen and Megan found the course beneficial and encourages everyone to look into it.

Glenbard series are available and are prerecorded and can be viewed on their youtube channel.

Fun Lunch, Ashley Palmer

Volunteer positions continue to be full. Ashley reported that volunteers have been great and the system has been working well. Of course, this is still a work in progress considering the large amounts of food being handled in such a short period of time. The school has more than 400 meals to hand out quickly during fun lunch so we are still working on the most efficient way to distribute them.

Q: Will we continue with Marla's next year? A: The PTO can decide to go with Marla's or change direction next year.

Teacher Appreciation, Melissa Lutz

Mr. Bachar was sent baby congratulation gifts. Gen will confirm that Ms. Bower was sent one too.

PIMA, Anna Cook

Not much to report. Looking forward to having morning lessons back once screening initiative starts.

New Family

No report

Spelling Bee, via Gen Jones

Bee will be virtual again this year, on October 21st. The format is still being decided, zoom vs online platform. More information will be forthcoming

G4G, Renee Sichlau

Walk/bike to school week is next week. Students will be counted by volunteers per grade level and the number will be announced during the week, encouraging classes to increase

their numbers as the week progresses. Student bikers who wear helmets on Wednesday will be rewarded with a small cash prize. This will be unannounced to reward those students who continue to wear their helmets.

Bike safety is also being conducted with assistance from PE teachers. This year, they are focusing on bike safety while sharing the road and pedestrian etiquette. Thank you to Larry and the volunteers for making this a success

Pumpkin smash will be Saturday, 11/6 from 9-12. If you have a pick up truck, we could use your assistance in picking up discarded pumpkins around town.

Mr. Kadlec and Ms. Saunders, along with PTO support, have been hard at work on the garden. We received a wildlife native garden certification. Having the vegetable garden next to the native garden has been beautiful. The vegetables are harvested and extras are taken to a food panty.

Larry has found an Ecowarrior sponsor.

Larry also commented that we have >200 kids who bike to school everyday. We have multiple bike racks placed strategically around campus so students do not have to cross car drop off paths. For this reason, please do not pull into parking lots to drop off students, please use designated drop off areas.

Old/New Business

None

Meeting adjourned at 1005

Next meeting 11/5, 7pm