**Roosevelt PTO Meeting**

**Meeting in person in Roosevelt Multi-Purpose Room**

**Friday September 8, 2023 8:30am**

**Present:**  Sarah Donoho, Lindsay McIntyre, Larry Garski, Julie Daly, Ed Condon, Amy Prestes, Gen Jones, Marie Mensah, Kelly Abood, Deja Vonende, Renee Sichlau, Carrie Ryan, Michele Taylor, Kendra Chiprich, Kimberly Hlavin, Megan Thomas, Amy Hansmann, Erin Llanes, Laura Britton

*Meeting called to order at 8:33am. Gen Jones moved to approve the minutes from May 2023; they were seconded by Amy Prestes; minutes approved.*

**Treasurer Report** – Carrie Ryan/Michele Taylor/Amy Hansmann

Budget for the year presented at this meeting. We do fundraisers to support the school and any gifts we have are to support the school. PTO makes an effort to include all kids so if they need help, we always offer free tickets. Nothing radically different then past years and current budget deficit is around $1,000, which we expect to make up throughout the year. See attached 2023-2024 proposed budget. Reserve from last year $95,000.00.

There will be a discussion of larger gifts at the end of the year. Amy Hansmann moved to approve budget and seconded by Amy Prestes.

**Principal Report** – Larry Gartski

Open House went well from his perspective. RMS 100th year anniversary this year and they plan on doing a handful of things with the students to get them excited about the school and history. Fun cabinet by the library with historical things from RMS going back to 1924. The monitors and software donated by the PTO (last year) are up and working. Still working out the software but they are up and managed by the front office.

MAP testing coming up September 20 & 21st. Data is very important to the teachers to help them identify the needs of students and really informs instruction.

Curriculum review coming up this year specifically for ELA. The school feels very confident about their program but will be looking into other programs to complete due diligence. They are always looking for the best that’s out there for our students.

Comments about Open House last night and the comments about 82 minute class period and how nice it was to hear the benefit of 82 minute classrooms and what the teachers can accomplish in that amount of time.

**Julie Daly** – Teacher representative for the PTO. Open house went well last night and off to a great start. 8th graders get to go to Camp Duncan this year since they missed their Adventure Ed due to COVID. They are going next Friday. Possibility of making this a 5th and 8th grade experience (new tradition) to book end their Roosevelt experience.

**District Report** - Dr. Condon

Provided the Strategic Action Objectives that is attached to these minutes.

District is very excited about the 100-year celebration of RMS. Bittersweet about Mr. Gartski’s departure as his leadership has been so valuable to the district, family and most importantly the students. Initiating a search this fall to recruit a new principal for RMS. This will be a tiered process including the board, teachers, parents, and hopefully some kids. Rest assured they understand the gravity of having the right person in this role.

Dawne Simmons is retiring tomorrow so there have been many celebrations over the past week. Our new communications director is Stephanie Rath and has been working with Dawne the last few days and officially starts on Monday September 11th.

D90 has not had a referendum since 2006 and there is not one projected but D90 is operating in a deficit. Our money is mainly going to teachers and staff salaries to ensure the best. They are going to try to continue to live and work within their means to ensure there is no need for a referendum.

Safety is always top of mind to help keep kids and community safe. They will be working with the safety committee to update best practices etc. One example is if any individual in the school presents a behavioral threat there is going to be an new protocol for response with the behavior threat team with the goal of intervening before there is a mental health crisis.

Equity action plan to work closely with the school including and belonging committees to work on this plan.

There is a new intergovernmental data sharing with the high school (OPRF) to work with their new curriculum at OPRF.

**Co-President Report** – Sarah and Lindsay

Thank you so much for all the volunteers and those working so hard already! A little panic with school supplies but they came through at the last minute. We are sticking with the same company currently because Lincoln and Willard are also with the same company. Katie Bevan is the chair for this and may look at other companies given the problems this summer … however, we’d like to operate as one district ideally.

Communications - Bulldog Bulletin is for all PTO, chairs etc. You can go ahead and send updates directly to the Bulldog Bulletin committee and Sarah and Lindsay will see the updates too. They’ve asked for all information to be sent by Thursday. Working on some sort of document transition program as well as consolidation of emails. Kyle Williams is also updating the website which should be completed soon.

Spirit Wear – It just runs through the company not a specific parent however Kendra Chiprich manages it. We went with this company because everything is created one off based on what the specs are. It’s not a big money maker but it’s much easier to have many options and kids can specify what they want. The school also has a committee working on 100-year spirit wear to be offered this year and we will see if there are any partnerships opportunities between our Spirit Wear program and the anniversary.

Recruitment of new parent volunteers – We still need parents to help with spring fest specifically. Gigi \_\_ and Erin Llanes are open to help.

PIMA – we still need a rep as out last rep left the district. PIMA is not part of PTO (and any joint fundraisers are no longer included in our budget) but when a rep is identified, we’d like to develop a relationship with him or her.

**Committee Reports** –

Fun Lunch - Going smoothly this year so far. A few issues with classrooms being mixed up but it should be fixed today. If anyone is interested in being a regular volunteer, please reach out to the coordinators to let them know you’re willing to help. Looking specifically for coordinators for specific grades. Jasmine is here every time from Marla’s. Keep feedback coming as we can always make changes.

Social & Hospitality – Great turn out even with the heat. Social media was a great boost to get the word out of the event. Working on teacher dinners during conferences. There are a few people who have reached out to help so Sarah will share names with chairs.

5th Grade Coordinators – T-shirts ordered for 5th graders and they are already with Lisa. Adventure education is next Wednesday, and homeroom teachers will be handing out the t-shirts. Possibly tagging a parent social into a flamingo Friday at Gen’s house.

7th Grade Coordinators – Putting together a dance which is the Friday before Halloween: October 27th. It is a dance with a DJ with costume theme with many events to help all kids feel welcome. We will need an army of volunteer parents the day of to help pull off the event.

8th Grade Coordinators – They are planning a parent social later in September.

New Families - Melissa Lutz has reached out to them offering them yard signs etc. to help people feel integrated.

Spelling Bee – Mid-late October working on getting kids excited about this and involved.

Penny Wars – Kimberly is helping this year, but we will need to have some extra volunteers to help fun this. This will be in October.

Green for Good – Trying to get the year started off productively. Helping in the lunchrooms to help sort waste. Pretty impressive to see how conscientious the kids are. Michele Taylor is co-chairing. The first committee meeting Monday. First event October 2-6th for walking/biking to school.

**Old Business** - none

**New Business** - none

**Adjourn** – at 9:54am