**Roosevelt PTO Meeting**

**Meeting in person in Roosevelt Teachers’ Lounge**

**Friday February 10, 2023 at 8:30am**

**Present:** Ed Condon, Melissa Lutz, Sarah Donoho, Ashley Reed, Amy Prestes, Larry Garski, Katie Bevan, Andrea Montalbano, Katie Avalos, Amy Hansmann, & Renee Sichlau

*Meeting called to order at 8:33 am. Sarah Donho moved to approve the minutes from January 2023; they were seconded by Amy Prestes meeting approved.*

**Treasurer Report** – Amy Hansmann

All banking was finally moved over to Bi-Line. The new track uniforms were ordered and have been received by the school. We are waiting for that invoice that will be coming soon. We are on budget for the year. One idea would be to add some social activities. Mr. Gartski suggest we do something for Ms. Sterns who received the Illinois award that qualifies her for teacher of the year. There is an award ceremony in Bloomington-Normal and the suggestion is that the PTO cover the cost of the hotel room.

**Superintendent Report** – Ed Condon

Dr. Condon likes to come to schools early and got to witness the 5th and 6th grade entrance. He overheard the 6th graders were commenting on “how cute” the 5th grade musicians were at last night’s show, which was nice to hear. Strategic plan progress update for the board. These are goals determined by the community members back in 2019 and the presentation of where they stand is next week.

Reminder that there is an upcoming long weekend coming up with days of 2/20 and 2/21. The teachers will have professional development on Tuesday 2/21. At the committee of a whole meeting this week the full day kindergarten program was presented and the board approved the full day program and asked the district to come back with a plan at the next meeting. Team is working for preparations for that possibility this fall. It was a positive conversation had at the meeting with a variety of perspectives shared. There is not anticipated state mandated full day kindergarten. The last time this was reviewed was 2015 and it’s generally been a 5-year program that is reviewed. There was a delay because of COVID. Now, we have an increased awareness of how to provide the most to our children and meet academic expectations for kindergarten level and meet equitable standards. Requiring minor physical changes to schools.

Superintendent Leadership counsel comprised of teachers across the district and every year they are focused on a task and this year focus was on conferencing and reporting to parents. Looking to gather more feedback from parents and teachers for how to improve these meetings and hold them as thoughtfully as possible.

They are in the process of finishing preparations for 4 year compliance audit. Expected to prove state mandates, safety and educational standards, etc.

**Principal Report/Teacher Liaison report** – Larry Gartski

They just did a PE survey at school that was given to the kids recently. Summary: anything that involved personal fitness and health or hard work were all ranked very low particularly anything with the heart rate monitors, lots of love for games like four corner soccer. Number 1 was dodge ball. They are all excited for the 6th grad service project today and all the donations that have been coming into the building the last few weeks.

8th Grade had their field trip to the holocaust museum yesterday and the kids did very well and were respectful in the space. Some one off programing coming up: sex education 5th & 7th grade in particular, I-search with RF police department (cyber safety, anti-violence) mainly 6th & 8th, sexual abuse prevention & training 5th-8th, Sarah’s Inn is coming in to talk to 8th graders about relationships and mainlining friendships etc.

Winter MAP tests are not done anymore. Next MAP testing is in May.

End of 2023-2024 school year Mr. Gartski will be retiring which comes with a mix of emotions for all but mainly excitement for his next phase of life.

**Co-President Report** – Melissa Lutz/Sarah Donoho

There have been some things we’ve been asked to pay for: the cost of the track meet at Triton with Roosevelt as the host and we will be covering $750 which is about 1/3 the cost of the meet. The rest will be covered by D90; art program and Ms. Johnson is working on getting an artist to come speak with 6th grade and in addition we will be getting some frames that allow you to change out art work so kids can take their work after the year $700; youth art month is coming up in April and we are talking about having some games with gift cards from local places; also a local Arabic calligrapher will be coming in to share that work; TV monitor or screen that is at the entry to the schools with rolling pictures, updates, art work etc.; reached out to 7th grade and 5th grade coordinators for any additional socials for their classes.

8th grade coordinators are preparing for graduation and all the things involved for that. They are looking into doing another 8th grade dance. Co-presidents are meeting with them to get that going and update where they are.

**Committee Reports** –

1. 6th Grade Service Project – Today is the day! We will get a full run-down next month.
2. Spring Fun Fest - They are starting the process with chairs in place. Things ordered and trying a few new things this year. This year it is May 5th.
3. Fun Lunch - Anna sent a report that they are still working out a few bugs with room assignments. New vendors are working out well and we also have a new rep from Marla’s and she’s working out well. Tropical smoothie day is not a fan of administrators, and the smoothies are a mess. Suggestion is that we take this vendor out.
4. PIMA – Andrea thanks all for support of valentines lunch. Band and orchestra concert went great last night. April 21st is a little night music performance. Working on auction items and making the evening a great event. Biggest fundraiser for PIMA. They need a new baritone sax and because of all the fun lunches they have been able to buy it.
5. Green for Good – Two weeks ago they had volunteers in the lunchrooms everyday volunteering. Working with kids on sorting and talking about waste. Goal for spring is to return to best practice. Thank you to the district for buying two more waste sorting station and now we have three per big lunch rooms. That means we have 6 to use for big events at the school. We also have composting bags for the teachers who are interested can add those to their classrooms. There is also a waste sorting bin in the teachers lounge. They weighed lbs: Tropical smoothie day composted 32 lbs total which is equivalent to that amount of landfill. We should really be conscious about buying things with Styrofoam (Tropical smoothie is a big offender). Request to talk to vendors about the waste and products they use to package goods. She will share the analysis and communicate with fun lunch. Earth week April 17-21st. Working on activities and will culminate with bike exchange Saturday 4/22.

**Old/New Business**

We are working on a yoga night with Ms. Zinger for students and their caregivers. It will be Tuesday 2/28/23. This is a PTO sponsored event. Dr. Devorah Heitner has reached out because she has a new book coming out, Growing up in Public. About how to help children navigate the role of tech, gaming and social media in the lives of teens and tweens. Dr. Gartski would also love a virtual presentation with her for the whole school so kids can also benefit from her advice. Important topic so we will reach out and find out what we can do with her for our community.

School supplies update from Katie Bevan. School Kidz has been acquired by a larger company. Should be fine but can’t access portal yet. She’s reached out to teachers for their needs and so we are ready when they are. She may get additional quotes this spring. We will also be working on negotiating more money back.

*Meeting Adjourned at 9:47 and the next meeting is March 10, 2023 at 8:30am.*