

April 30, 2020

Meeting Start: 6:00 pm

March minutes were approved. Jennifer Catolane motioned and Dana seconded. All approved.

In attendance: Aimee Magovern; President, Dana Pustinger; Vice President, Jennifer Catolane; Treasurer, Linda Curtiss; Secretary, Meaghan Martin, Jennifer Heath Thomas, Jennifer Hibbins Salzano, Megan Smigel, Amy Maxton, Mr. Nadolny

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Finances: The account balance is \$28,585. \$6,000 of that is for Classroom accounts, and \$614.68 is teacher accounts. We purchased \$50 Amazon gift cards for each of the 14 sixth graders for the end of the year. That totaled \$700 plus \$7 for shipping. Boston Red Sox trip has been canceled and hopefully will be refunded. The bus money equaling \$1700 wasn't spent this year. Will it roll over to next year sixth grade class? Two cash calendar winners wanted to donate the money back families in need at FRRSD, so we sent a \$250 gift card went to Kendra to use to help pay for the food being supplied to families.
- Cash Calendar Earnings: How should we distribute a percentage to classroom accounts? Should we allocate 10-15% of cash calendar earnings into the classroom accounts? As well as some to the teacher accounts? 20% of this year's earnings would be \$3,550; that would work out to be \$197 per class, and \$197 per teacher. Every year the sixth grade needs approximately \$3,000 for graduation and their Boston trip. So each class has 9 years to collect that \$3,000. The teacher's would have until the end of September to spend what's in their accounts, and what's left will be bumped over to the next class. Aimee motioned a vote to approve allocating funds to classroom accounts and teacher accounts. All were in favor.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Funds to purchase blank yard signs for students: Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Maxton and a few other teachers would like to make signs for each of their students to be placed in each student's yard. Amy reached out to all the teachers to find out the level of interest. Mrs. Hamill, Mrs. Silk, Mrs. Tracy, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Higgins and Mrs. Maxton are all interested. The sixth grade is doing their own thing with signs. Fourth grade was not interested and she never heard back from 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The cost is \$50 for 30 on Amazon. Every teacher will be responsible to do every student in their class. Every teacher will contact each parent to let them know they are going to come to their house so children will know to keep their distance. It could be done at the end of the year or sooner. Amy would also like to do another parade on the last day of school. The cost for 75 signs and stakes would be around \$250. They will forgo the money that was approved for "muffins with moms" and "donuts with dads" and put it toward this. Aimee motioned a vote to approve reimbursing K-3 grade teachers for what they spend on the signs and markers. All were in favor.
- Nomination of officers: All the current officers are willing to serve one more year. We will vote for officers at the next meeting.
- Screen Free week: Mrs. Silk and some of the other teachers have some ideas for screen free week. Jen Thomas suggested the children could make some posters of what they are thankful and that could be posted on the website. Mrs. Martin mentioned a Zoom bingo game and a community scavenger hunt like Otis did, or make signs or thank you cards for essential workers.
- Vote to approve money for yard signs for 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, should financial help be needed: Meaghan said that the school committee is supposed to vote on Monday, if additional funds are needed they are going to pull it from the sixth grade account. However, only the signs for sixth graders will come out of sixth grade account; not the twelfth graders' signs. Aimee stated that the PTA can be a backup source as well, if needed.

- Voting to approve end of year gift ideas for students and teachers: Jenna Bessey had an idea of purchasing ceramic craft kits from a local crafter that she knows. It's possible to get a discount if purchased in bulk. Otherwise they would be around \$12 each. That might be good for the younger grades. 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> gifts might need to be different from k-3<sup>rd</sup> grade gifts. Jenn Thomas suggested t-shirts with the picture of the whole school from last year's field day. That would be tricky with some kids who aren't allowed to be photographed. Possibly we could just do field day shirts for everyone. Meaghan can reach out to teachers to get students shirt sizes. Dana and Jenn Catolane suggested we change it to something more related to this year. The sixth grade shirts say "class of 2020, year of the quarantine". Aimee or Jenn Thomas will reach out to Brett at Twisted Orchard printing company.
- Field Day in late summer: With the way things are going we can't really plan on doing anything in the summer. Maybe we can do something in fall if we are back to school, like a big fall festival, and use the bounce house that we put a deposit on for that.
- Jenn Salzano: Sandisfield town meeting has been moved to Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am outdoors at the DPW and we need parents there to support the school budget. There is an over 8% increase for Sandisfield due to greater enrollment at the school, and there has been opposition from some residents because of the increase.

**Next meeting:** May 20, 2020.

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:18 pm. Dana motioned, Jen seconded.