

March 4, 2021

Meeting Start: 6:01 pm

February minutes were approved. Jennifer Salzano motioned and Aimee seconded. All approved.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Staff Appreciation gift ideas by Megan Smigel: Aimee has been working with Megan on the different Staff Appreciation days. There are shirts Megan can do for cafeteria workers, or a brownie baking set, fun socks or cookies with a fun label for school nurses, a cooler with BBQ items in it. We can't do our soup bar this year, but they found a soup, crackers and cookies in cup to go that we could purchase one for each staff.
- Field Day: Tom said we can go ahead and plan on it. The date set is June 9th, with a rain date of June 10th. Aimee spoke with the bounce house rental place and our bounce house obstacle course deposit from last year is still good, so we have one reserved. Phil is looking over the field day events to see what we need to change to make them all Covid friendly.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Ski Program wrap-up: Ski program ended last night. The Ridge was nice enough to give us two free ski nights to make up for what we missed when we were shut down. Jamie only charged us \$5 per student for the food vouchers we handed out in lieu of the pizza party. Dana will send her a thank you card.
- Virtual Family Fun programs: Dana is looking into a company called Main Stages that does virtual family fun time, which is a mix of trivia and active games. It's priced by computer screen, not by person. They have a Show Case package which is \$325 for 2 hours for up to 50 participants (computers), so basically up to 50 families. Aimee and Linda will try to check out one of his demonstrations.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Financial Update: Financial update: Our checking account balance at the end of February was just under \$43,000, compared to last year it was just over \$37,000. The teacher accounts are at \$1,900 and classroom accounts are just over \$9,000. That leaves our balance at about \$31,000. Cash calendars deposit was \$16,800. We paid for Dr. Seuss supplies, including \$200 we spent on books for each student, and for the Guidance counselor gift. The Venmo account worked great, we had over \$2,000 come in for cash calendars through Venmo. Compared to last year our income is down just under \$1,000. Cash calendar sales were down just under \$2,000 compared to last year. Upcoming expenses: staff appreciation week, we spent just over \$1,100 last year.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Cash Calendar wrap up:
- Thank You-Ice cream sundaes ("Covid friendly"): Dana will look into the ice cream truck to see if he can come one day after lunch and the PTA will pay for everyone to have one item. Dana will check with Tom on timing. Possibly for the Friday before April vacation.
- March Madness: Aimee reached out to Mrs. Flower but hasn't heard back from her about whether or not she is planning anything for March Madness. Aimee will reach out again to see if she needs financial assistance with that.
- Playground Equipment Update: Jenn Salzano checked into GameTime to get a quote on a freestanding piece of equipment, possibly a slide. A Plain Wave Zip slide is \$6,691 including shipping, but not including installation. She also looked at a piece for the preschool side which was \$9,228 plus shipping. Jenn can propose a cost share for a replacement for the preschool equipment to the School Committee. She will ask to put it on the agenda for the next meeting. Aimee will send an email to Tom to let him know that we discussed this and we want to know that the equipment is regularly inspected and safe. Also, that it be put in the budget for next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Field Day T-shirts: Megan Smigel is working on t-shirt designs for staff and teachers. Those would count as teachers' field day shirts. Aimee spoke with Brett and it will be around \$8 per shirt. Aimee shared some designs on her screen that Megan has come up with. Do we want to do t-shirts for the staff as part of Staff Appreciation week that they could wear for field day? Or they can just purchase their own field day t-shirt. It would be \$8 x 40. We agreed to do black shirts with an FRRSD logo for all the teachers and staff. Meaghan will get all the sizes for the staff t-shirts. We can try the new design on colored shirts for the students this year as well.
- Screen Free Week (May 3-7th): Mr. Keller's hike? Neesha outdoor boot camp/obstacle course? An outdoor concert or performance? Maybe Greenagers would come and do an outdoor planting activity? Jenn Salzano will check with Greenagers. We can check in with the teachers to see if anyone is interested in doing an activity for screen free week. Linda will reach out to Mr. Flower to see if he might know any musicians that would like to do an outdoor concert. Linda will also look into organizing tin foil meals that students could bring and put in a fire pit to go along with an outdoor concert. Aimee will ask Kendra if she would be interested in doing a cooking class.
- Staff Appreciation Week ideas (May 3-7th): T-shirts would be for one day. Amy Maxton expressed the appreciation she has heard from all the staff and teachers for all that they have received from us and others. One day we could fill the freezer with a variety of individual ice cream treats. We will keep looking for more ideas to fill the week.
- Officer Committee for 2021-2022: Three officer terms are up: Aimee, Dana and Linda; President, Vice President and Secretary. Aimee has sent out an email to inform parents, and to see if there is any interest out there. Linda, Dana and Aimee will send out individual letters explaining how their 3 year term is up and that we are looking for parents who are interested in filling one of the open positions.

Next meeting: April 4, 2021

Meeting adjourned: 7:36 pm. Jenn Catolane motioned, Dana seconded.