

April 1, 2021

Meeting Start: 6:02 pm

March minutes were approved. Aimee Magovern motioned and Jennifer Salzano seconded. All approved.

In attendance: Aimee Magovern; President, Dana Pustinger; Vice President, Jennifer Catolane; Treasurer, Linda Curtiss; Secretary, Jennifer Hibbins Salzano, Karema Almeida, Megan Smigel, Nanette Higgins.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Financial Update: Account balance is \$36,784, of that \$9,272 is in the classroom accounts, and \$1,923 is in teacher accounts, which leaves us with \$25,588. There is about \$2,850 still to pay out for cash calendar. Ski program bill has not come in or been paid yet. Analysis of Cash Calendar: the net income was \$15,850. Gross sales income was \$17,170. Last year we allocated 20% of net raised equally across classroom accounts and teachers' accounts. 20% of net sales would be about \$3,434 from our account. 25% would be \$4,292. 20% would be \$191 to each classroom and teacher account; 25% would be \$238 to each. We had a vote to allocate 20% of net sales to teachers' and classroom accounts. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Thank you Ice Cream Sundaes: Dana checked with Tom about the ice cream truck and got the go-ahead. She contacted the Ice Cream truck owner and they are scheduled to come on the Friday before April vacation at 12:30. It will be stocked with items \$2 and under for staff and students. Staff number is about 40 so around 150 for all staff and students.
- Virtual Programming: Meaghan Martin shared information with Aimee on Scott Green, a magician. He does a 45 minute long presentation which could be presented in each classroom for a cost of \$750. Adding a "magic box" per child would cost an additional \$5 per child. A wand would be \$2 per child. Jennifer Salzano thought it was much more than what other performers cost. Nanette suggested looking into Ed Papolowski, the man who does a lot of local shows in the summer, to see if he is offering any virtual shows. Aimee will look further into different options.
- Screen Free Week (May 3-7th): Aimee reached out to Mr. Keller and he is going to check with Tom about doing a hike, if it is doable in a safe way. She also reached out to Kendra about a cooking program. Kendra needs to talk to Tom and get back to Aimee. She also sent a message to Neesha about an outdoor obstacle course. Jennifer Salzano spoke with Greenagers about the planting activity. Greenagers was who put in the raised garden boxes out behind the school. Linda sent message to Mr. Flower about a musician to perform for an outdoor concert for the Friday of screen free week. Mr. Flower gave her the name of a friend out of Great Barrington and he is going to check with him and get back to her.
- Teacher Appreciation Week ideas (May 3-7th): Megan Smigel has created a few gift sets for the teachers. Monday: breakfast bags including juice, a muffin and a piece of fruit with an encouraging note. 40 bags total. Karema will pick up and deliver those items for Monday morning. Tuesday: the soup cup with crackers that Megan prepared. Wednesday: we will fill the freezer ice cream treats. Linda will help with that. Thursday: the S'mores baskets. Friday: the t-shirts with some fruit or chocolates.
- Staff and Field Day t-shirts: the staff t-shirts will be black with FRRSD across the front with "dragons" in teal. Aimee has worked with Brett at Twisted Orchard Tees to create those. Field day shirts will be the traditional colors. We will keep the same logo as well so that anyone using an old shirt won't look different and feel left out. Jenn Catolane can make a pdf form to send out field day t-shirt forms for parents to fill out and send back.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Officer Committee for 2021-2022: Since there were no nominees to fill the positions of secretary, president and vice president, Linda, Aimee and Dana have agreed to serve for one more year. Aimee will check the bylaws to see if anything is written there relevant to the situation this year with COVID. It is possible we can vote to change the bylaws if nothing is found.
- Playground Equipment: School Committee meeting is Monday, April 5 at 7:00 pm by Zoom. Jennifer Salzano has asked for playground equipment to be put on the agenda. If the PTA can make some sort of offer to help pay for equipment, that may help get it to pass. Another topic she asked to be put on the agenda is bussing to help get students home after afterschool activities for a small fee from parents.

Next meeting: May 6, 2021

Meeting adjourned: 7:01pm. Jenn Catolane motioned, Dana seconded.