



Renfroe PTA Meeting Minutes – May 13, 2021

Attendees: Kimi Hawkins, Paula Gaber, Kristen Hansen-Crume, Greg Wiseman, Christa Sobon, Lindsay Reese, Julie Galle Baggenstoss, Laura Gary, Tash Walker, Kimberly Leeks, Courtney Sollie, Michael Black, Christy Norman, Mary, Simmi Taylor, Sonja Harrast, Carol Burley, Dana Llyod, Meredith Yancey, Kimberly Head Amos

- I. Call to Order and Welcome
- II. Reports and Updates
 - a. Principal's Report:
 - i. 8th Graders - Car parade, Virtual Capstone, Carnival
 - ii. 6th, 7th Graders - There will be fun activities
 - iii. School Tours - Ragan Hudson has done a great job coordinating F.Ave and Talley for school tours.
 - iv. For current 6th and 7th graders - During the last week of school, the teacher will take their cohort and provide an informal tour.
 - v. School Schedule: 8:45 - 3:45 Full School Day. Doors open @ 8:35am and dismissal at 3:45pm. Staggered dismissal. Bus departs at 3:55pm.
 1. There will be athletics. Nothing will start until the 1st day of school. Recommend parents to get student physicals done during the summer and review the information on the website about athletics.
 2. Looking into a "block schedule" or a 7 class per day schedule. Possibly incorporating recess for all grades and extra transition time. No homeroom but adding advisement (ex. T,Th 40 min segment)
 - vi. Mitigation: Kids have been great about wearing masks but still room to improve on social distancing.
 - b. Co-President's Report:
 - i. Simmi did an amazing coffee cart for the Renfroe Staff.
 - c. Treasurer's Report:
 - i. In the course of the year, we are only \$3,200 less than our starting balance in Aug 2020. Great job everyone!
 - ii. In a typical year, the school collects money from parents for 8th grade activities/shirts- this year PTA facilitated money collection and invoice



payment for student designed shirts we collect funds from parents for 8th grade shirts. This year, PTA funded it.

d. Committee Reports

i. Faculty Liaison:

1. How does the post of a Faculty Liaison get assigned?
2. End of Year Post Planning Lunch: Has this been finalized?
3. Renfroe spiritwear for teachers and families. Need to find a committee lead to manage this. Laura Gary would like to be involved and offered to help coordinate the logistics.
4. Teachers have been happy with the GMAS testing process.

ii. Community Engagement

1. Vaccination Clinic: Renfroe PTA sponsored lunch for DeKalb Pediatrics team. Over 1,500 appts booked. Collected over 1,000 snacks. 20+ volunteers participated.
2. T-shirt design contest: Winners were notified by email. T-shirts will be ready for 8th graders for their parade (by May 24th). Included teachers. Still not decided how teacher t-shirts will be paid for.
3. Looking for a volunteer to help get t-shirts ready for 6th and 7th graders and deliver in August. Need Google Order Form with all requests in by May 19th. Will be ready by May 26th?

iii. End of year events

1. 8th Grade: Greg summarized in Principal report.
2. Staff: Afternoon iced tea party with a light meal. 1st day of Post Planning. PTA Board would love to “meet the staff”. Need a firm date. Targeting Tues, June 1st. Simmi will help manage event.

iv. Preparation for beginning of 2021-22 school year

1. Student tours: Greg summarized in Principal report.
2. Covid related needs. Outdoor tables ordered. Big awning will be installed.

v. Sustainability

1. Env Sustainability Comm received letters from RMS students. Michael and Laura to connect off-line.
2. Composting Budget. About \$7,000 needed for next year.

vi. Poetry Slam



1. It was an amazing experience for the students. Audience did not get to have the same experience due to technical issues.

III. Old Business

- a. April 2021 Minutes: Motion to Approve. Approved.

IV. New Business

- a. 2021-22 PTA Board Elections - Call for nominations due Fri, May 14th. Simmi offered to help facilitate, Courtney Sollie offered to chair the nomination committee and get a ballot out next week.
- b. Media Center Refresh: Table this topic for now. Kimi will follow up with Mr. Wiseman.

V. Special Guest Presentation: Girl Scout Troop 4068- Feminine Products in Renfroe bathrooms

VI. Meeting Adjourned at 7:06pm