



Renfroe PTA Meeting – April 15, 2021

Attendees: Greg Wiseman, Kimi Hawkins, Natalie Williams, Christa Sobon, Kristen Hansen-Crume, LaTashae Walker, Michael Black, Laura Gary, Paula Gaber, Nia Schooler, Kimberly Leeks, Julie Galle Baggenstoss, Aaron Marks, Janine Kupersmith

- I. Call to Order and Welcome
- II. Reports and Updates
 - a. Principal's Report:
 - i. Getting ready for Group A & B arriving next week.
 - ii. Hiring Status: fewer positions to fill than last year. 2 new REP positions (math and ELA) and 1 new adaptive special ed classroom
 - iii. No more concurrent teaching. Reminder to parents, there is no longer an option to log in from home if your child is unable to attend class.
 - iv. Question: Who is in charge of the talent show? Student Government
 - b. Co-President's Report
 - i. Goal is to get a smooth transition plan in place. Plan an Executive Board mtg next week possibly. Official call for nominations. Summer work sessions.
 - ii. Greg Wiseman agreed to get a PTA focused communication out earlier in the week vs. Thurs Newsletter blast.
 - iii. Kimberly Amos reached out and said her Girls Scout Troop wants to put feminine products in the RMS bathrooms. Who should they work with? Nurse and counselors.
 - iv. RMS sponsored a luncheon. Island Fiesta by Ms. Labad. She prepared "to go" lunches for 154 staff members. Used Wiseman's discretionary funds.
 - c. Treasurer's Report
 - i. See Report for details.
 - d. Committee Reports
 - i. Sustainability-Michael Black
 1. Getting 134 new solar panels at RMS. Requested budget of \$3,300 for composting.
 2. Greg Wiseman suggested SLT???
 - ii. Poetry Slam and Cultural Arts - Nia and Julie
 1. Poetry Slam: 27 students signed up. 14 students participating at the Virtual Event. Date: Wed, April 21 @6:30pm (1 ½ hr duration). Link to watch is in this week's RMS eBlast and will be live tomorrow. Paula will post on Social Media. Nia to share with everyone on RMS PTA.
 2. Cultural Arts: See Julie's report for details.
 - a. World Languages will not present this year. What they have done prior to COVID, was showcase what is happening in world languages via art. Students present what they create in the classrooms.
 - b. Christa Johnston wants to get some new outdoor tables for. May want to request for brick pizza oven for next year. Need to get approval from CSD facilities. Greg Wiseman will follow up with Christa once he hears back from facilities.
 - iii. DEI Committee - Kimberly

1. Partner with Dr. Bolton about books in the library about diversity, inclusion to see what we have and what we may need. Will the PTA be willing to fund? First loop in Ben Lynch in the Media Center and ELA Dept Chair Holly Lanford.
 2. Yearbooks for \$40 seems expensive.
 3. Can we do something to ensure those students who don't have access be able to participate in the upcoming events? Reserve like 25 seats. Greg will look into it.
- iv. Faculty Liaison- Laura Gary
1. Carnival schedule for May 19th. Parade planned for Wed, Apr 26th. During the day. PTA has a line item for this.
 2. No Capstone. What else can we do?
 3. Need to improve how we communicate to ensure all key stakeholders are included in the planning and in the know.
 4. Author Visit planned Apr 28th- Ellen Hagan
- v. Community Engagement
1. Ice Cream Truck Recap: Huge success. 598 handed out!!
 2. 8th Grade Movie Night -Must RSVP and get signature from parents. 200 student max. Need to complete COVID form. Sign up Tues, Apr 20th - Thur Apr 29th. Sat, May 1st. 8-10pm Ferris Bueller's Day Off
 3. T-shirt design contest - Preparing a google form for APs to send it out to each grade level. Give til Wed to vote. Still need to figure out how to order. Does 8th grade normally do a shirt?
- vi. End of year events
1. Rising 6th Grade - Simmi
 - a. Greg has emailed Ms. Newton and Mr. Heaton to have students come visit on Wednesdays. Smaller groups. Waiting for feedback.
 - b. For parents, there will be webinars and Q& A. Request for PTA to have some air time during these sessions.
 2. 8th Grade Moving On
 3. Staff events
 - a. No Dose Coffee cart for our teachers (grab & go)
 - b. Any thoughts on events for staff. Help promote DEF's Step-up. DHS is doing a gift card for each teacher. Can we do a meal like the one Ms. Labad did? Simmi, Laura and Kimi to brainstorm.
- III. Old Business
- a. March 2021 Minutes - Amended with correction of spelling of Sergio's name.
- IV. New Business
- a. 2021-22 PTA Board Transition
- V. Adjourned at 7:22pm

Upcoming PTA Meeting Dates: May 13, 2021