**June 9, 2022, 7 pm -PTO General Body Meeting Notes:**

**Attendees: Jaime Roberts, Erik Larson, Erica A, Catherine Reichert, Melissa Cottone, Karina, Andrew Jones, Megan Spencer, and Principal Val G**

**Principal Update:**

-Great staff, great year. K graduation on June 10, Tuesday 6/14, Polar Pride, Wednesday 6/15, 6th grade graduation, 35 to 40 volunteers of parents for Polar Pride, restarting 6th grade per staff Relay Race, so fun.

-School Council survey-35 only not a lot of responses on parent engagement, but turn out for parent portfolio breakfasts and cultural shares in classrooms are strong. We need parent volunteers for School Council Committee, 5 teachers so want 5 parents. Contact Val if interested.

-School will purchase SEL Fly 5 for each grade (60 lessons per grade which ties into responsive classroom. Teaches self-regulation, cooperation, problem solving

Need $ for School Improvements from PTO- café will have a face lift this summer, food services store front wall into kitchen, theme of community/curiosity and kindness. What is the PTO willing to share the difference in cost for labor, paint, design, etc.. Do we do a direct appeal for fundraising? Can we send that out now or next year?” $2500 to $5000? Also, movable bookshelves needed for library because the library stacks are old and can’t move so we can make new room for STEAM in the building budget.

-Conant can apply for the new building or renovation once the Boardwalk building is finished completely. Conant has applied each year and denied but Peter and JD think we will get accepted for remodel once that is done. We have lots of Wetlands, but we can build up and out. We need new roof, tiles and floors have asbestos, lots of glass to fix, STEAM labs needed, offices and programming spaces, probably 5 to 7 years. Library to be more genre based, Makerspaces, Pods will be mythical characters per Student Council next year, whole child idea which is Conant tagline.

-Priority from Val is the direct outreach for bookshelves $6000 total but any will help. PTO Agreed $5000 for both pending School Committee approval, need to do a letter to Ann to Val to send in for next meeting? Andrew?

-Future building plans: FY 23 budget, dedicated Steam spaces at other schools so later for Conant, staffing increases in Math and STEAM coaches, share with Blanchard with STEAM coach. We are moving to have ipads in library not old desktops, B bots we have the same as other schools, new library specialist next year.

-Wants bookshelves this year from Val and STEAM next year. If it is space requests not curriculum, we need School Committee approval for spending.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** notes and agendas on website as of 6/10 so couldn’t approve minutes and agenda, next year will email agenda out with zoom links and each meeting

**Treasurer Update: $**38,000 still in account, how is that? Doesn’t move?

Carnival, $645 ice cream, $760 bouncy, $316 custodian, PTO Board reimbursements , other insurance $315, Yearbook $727, Tshirts polar pride, $645, $513 more bday books. Other account $45,000

$2300 Annual appeal as of today.

**Update on Events:**

--Polar Pride-excited for this this week

--6th grade graduation update and yearbook (paid by the PTO )

-Craft Fair update? NONE

**Other:**

-End of the year gifts (Nurse, Custodians, Admin in office, Carnival Committee) gave 6/2

**New Business:**

**-**-PTO Board Positions Voted on new positions and here is the board

-want to make sure everyone knows commitment, Jimmy said 5 hours a week no more..

President: Erica Abbruzzese

VP: Melissa Cottone

Treasurer: -stays the same, Andrew Jones

Secretary /or Board member- Jaime Roberts stays the same

Board Member Needed !

-Summer planning for 2022-2023 school year, add events to School Calendar

-Survey responses for events-limited responses but lots of team leads that Board will contact this summer and work with Val and Community Ed calendar to book dates of events ahead of time

-Welcome breakfast for teachers? Val give us info this summer

-snack order monthly teachers (pop tarts a hit)

-summer reading key chains invoice from Pastor ?

-Committee chair volunteers- Need Kindergarten Orientation PTO help (Val will get us dates, we will need volunteers, PTO info, interpreters), new student tours, home language.

-Val can meet with Board over summer except 2 weeks in July to help planning

-People want to bring back Cultural Night-human libraries (Val) memory in chapter of lives, traditions, dances, food,

-Breakfast with Families and Day time PTO meetings, not a big push for that, one member wanted to think about it.

-Picture Day- get Date from Val in Fall and get Parent Volunteers to help that day Coffee pond? Contract?

-Movie Rights for next year, okay to have movie nights, need to do this to get approval for rights this summer

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-9/28 Back to School Night tentative

Concluded 8:15 pm, notes taken by Jaime Roberts