

Forest Road PTO Meeting – Virtual (Zoom)

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 19, 2021, 7:00PM

1. Reports

A. Principal's Report – Karli is very excited to still be back at school and kids seemed to be refreshed after this break. Today was the first day for students who transitioned – this went well. Address the ideas of social groups and ways to bring people together since there is an overall feeling of “when will we be back to normal?” Thinking of ways to find resources and support for people who may be struggling right now.

The monitors are in and they will be installed soon. Pictures will be shared once they are complete. 2nd graders will be getting the new chromebooks with touchscreens.

There is talk about doing some map testing to gather data to see where we are currently. This data will be used to gauge action steps – where do we need kids to be, etc. Educators are on the list for vaccinations – process will be starting at the end of the month.

B. President's Report

i. Diversity – looking for snacks, crafts, etc to highlight in the upcoming newsletter.

ii. PSCC rep needed – Superintendents Roundtable was last week – we still need a PSCC (Positive School Climate Committee) representative for Forest Road School.

PSCC would like to bring in speaker/assembly for parents and then students the importance of what you put on the internet, effects, etc.

iii. PSCC funds – each school is asked to contribute \$200 – no one in attendance objected so we will move forward with the FR contribution.

iv. Survey Results – 79 responses. Asking what should the PTO focus on. Teacher appreciation/support was mentioned several times. 47% mentioned diversity equity and inclusion. Also – virtual events for students. When asked what type of events – 40 people responded – 80% virtual bingo night, 45% virtual art enrichment. 25 people responded that they would like parent events – mentioned were trivia night, virtual cooking class.

C. Treasurer's Report – Amanda – gifts for staff (non-teachers). Funds were allocated for monitors (funds were earmarked from Boosterthon last year). Amanda said she hasn't seen a bill for Raz Kids – she wasn't sure if that should be coming up soon again. Karli will double-check the subscription information (A to Z Kids could be the company for Raz Kids).

2. Fundraising/ Fundraising Committee Updates

A. Boosterthon - Monitors (Anna) – see Karli's update above

B. Tates Fundraising Results (Anna) – December - \$156 – check has been received

C. Restaurant Fundraisers (Joanne)- Rosati's on 1/26 – 25% give back

3. Committee Reports

5. New Business

A. Questions

B. Other Business – thank you signs for teacher appreciation – Karine Otten (not present) would like to head up that idea – first week in May is Teacher Appreciation Week.

Submitted by: Joanne Van Etten, PTO Secretary