**Randolph Middle School PTO**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**November 12, 2019**

The Randolph Middle School PTO held a meeting of the PTO Board on November 12, 2019 in the media center at Randolph Middle. President Brad Lindsey presided. Jody Para served as Secretary. Brian Bambauer, Mary Hasty Millen, David Slater, Ann Manning, Leroy Moyer, Stephanie Norton, Allie Lemons, Allen Robinson, Annie Lord, and Leah Nazworthwere also present*.*

**Call to Order**

Brad Lindsey called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

**Approval of minutes:**

Brad made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 12th meeting.

Leah Nazworth 2nd the motion

Minutes were accepted and approved.

**Principal’s Report:** Thank you for the pies. Very well received. A few more than were actually needed, so they were donated to church for elderly.

Successful honor roll celebrations.

Teacher lunch Friday – excited for that. Gift cards will go out at that time.

Early release day coming up – Jan 8. Next Open House is Dec 12 and 17th.

**President’s Report:** Gift cards will be handed out to the teachers at lunch in hopes of capturing most staff.

Community partnership program seems to be really coming together – seem to be in a good spot.

**Treasurer Report (Leah Nazworth):**  We are a little bit farther ahead than STLY, but we still need to push ahead and try and get more donations. Everything else is slowly coming in – some teacher grants and events. Nothing big or surprising has popped up. No major concerns.

Asked about spirit wear to see if we’ve had sales. Brian said he has seen items come in and they get placed in Parent Center and then distributed to the student.

**Committee Reports:**

SECRETARY Jody Para – no update

Membership (Victoria Johnson)– stack of membership forms in the PTA mailbox. Jody will send Victoria an email to let her know to get those and enter, if they haven’t been entered. Also, can you do a check to ensure all members on the board are PTO members.

Volunteer – Allie Lemons. No update at this time.

Eblast – (Elizabeth Salmon) – no update at this time.

Website –(Brendan Walsh) – no update at this time.

SCHOOL & STAFF SUPPORT: (TJ Singla) – will be helping with the lunch on Friday and thanked Leah for her help with the gift card purchases.

Staff Appreciation–Stephanie Norton – great participation and help for the pie donations
- luncheon from Capishe set for this Friday 12/13
- gift cards being distributed at the luncheon
- continued candy car donations. Will ask again in January newsletter.

Campus Beautification Allen Robinson - Waiting on written confirmation of initial tree placement approval from CMS - idea is to plant 5-6 large trees in arc on southside of football/track fence

 - Had 1st meeting with city arborist and they (TreesCharlotte) and city are helping us develop a campus wide tree plan - next visit - Dec 30th.  This will require more dialog with CMS

 - I mentioned it at the last meeting - we GREATLY NEED professional help with hardscape / landscape design.  Please urge everyone to think widely about their network of contacts and see if we can find anyone that would help us on a pro-bono basis - wouldn't take much time.

Brian added that CMS was out and repaired the fence and has plans for adding a chain link fence in front of the wooden fence to keep kids from climbing over to retrieve balls. TJ will follow up with Allen about signup for families to own projects.

Teacher Grants –(Morgan Cromwell) – No additional report at this time.

PARENT & STUDENT SUPPORT: Pilar Pohlheber –

Back2School packets –Kristen Hendrix. Done.

Scholarships – (Vidya Prabhake-) - Working through how we can get additional funds to add to this, since most money is gone.

Prospective Parents Ann Manning– event Thursday and then the 17th. All seems to be taken care of. There will be 1 additional Open House in Jan.

FUNDRAISING: Still looking for VP of Fundraising.

Book Fair (Kathryn King)– no update

Community Partnerships – Leroy Moyer – needs a few more questions to be answered so he can prepare a fact sheet to include to community partners. Gave those questions to Brian and Brad.

Lost & Found –(Tammy Halihan) – no report at this time

Direct Giving Mary Hasty Millen– Idea was brought up to text out about Direct Giving and provide our Paypal link. Mary Hasty will send wording to Brian and he can send out.

Meeting Thursday morning to go through any incoming checks/payment

Other business: Parent guest - Tony Tilben – 7th grade parent. Last year with yearbook, she noticed a lot of the same kids were in the year book over and over. When she ran into Mr. O (faculty member) and asked about it – he told her they don’t have a tracking system and out of 1000 students it would be difficult to ensure. She asked if she could help and he told her he would not want help. She would like to help with ensuring there are more students representative. Year book is mainly student run with advisor. Brian will meet with Tony 1 one 1. TJ helped with yearbook in elementary school so she would be happy to help.

Student Recognition –Sonya Snowden – all went well for celebration. Doughnuts were enjoyed.

Parent Engagement –Mamadou Diallo – no update at this time.

Critical Needs –Annie Lord– wrapping party is next Wednesday 9-10:30 and then 10:30-12. 28 families sponsored students this year. Tried to be careful with what was asked from sponsors. No one has complained, so hopeful that this has gone well. We had 14 kids that were sponsored.

Spirit Wear – (Elizabeth Salmon) – Can we confirm how funds will be returned to the school from purchases?

Athletic Booster Club –(Morgan Cromwell) – no update at this time.

Next meeting is January 14 – at 6pm in the Media Center at Randolph.

Meeting adjourned 6:40pm