

## PTA Meeting April 6, 2020 7:00pm on Zoom

**Call to Order: 7:05pm**

**Reminder of Guidelines for Zoom meeting effectiveness**

**Treasurer's Report:**

- **Account balance as of April 4th: \$54,521.53**
- **Checks over \$500**
  - Check #3249, 3/21/2020, to Megan Landers for \$646.31 to reimburse her for yard signs
  - Check #3250, 3/21/2020, to Maercker School District 60, for \$1,127.67 for committed cash to Westview Hills Middle School wildcat mascot costume.

**President/ Vice President's Report**

- **Summary of events affected by school closures**
  - **Benefit Nights**
    - All traditional benefit events are cancelled through at least May. We're instead turning the tables and trying to help support those businesses that have supported the PTA through the years. We have electronic flyers circulating to encourage our district families to order takeout/delivery from those restaurants.
    - We have received positive feedback from the restaurants that we have supported already. In this time of difficulty for restaurants, they're very grateful for the help.
    - The Tasty Treat benefit is being postponed due to the set up and size of the store not being conducive with following social distance guidelines. We will reschedule soon.
    - April 21st will be Buona Beef and Chuck E. Cheese benefits combined. CEC will provide info on their offerings of food and gift cards for curbside pick up this week.
  - **Westview Spring Dance**
    - The Westview Hills Middle School Spring Dance is cancelled, no plan to reschedule.
  - **Day of Awesomeness**
    - If school is cancelled through May, we will cancel the Days of Awesome events at all three schools.
    - Discussed whether to make them up in the fall, or push them to the end of next year again. Will make a decision in May meeting.
  - **Cultural Festival**
    - Cultural Festival as we traditionally have it is cancelled. The committee will meet to discuss options for potentially doing something smaller scale virtually. Will make a decision by the May meeting.
    - Cathy Fisher is working with the grant program to see if we can roll over the grant money to use for next year's festival.
  - **School Supply Kits**

- School supplies kits are moving forward virtually. In the next 2-3 weeks we will start advertising with e-blasts and social media. Will pass info along to the district in case they want to send it out also.
- Asked the district for a date on when PTA Day (Supply pick up) will be in August and at which school.
- Asked the district for a list of emails for kindergarten parents that have already registered so we can email them the link to order as well.

## **Vice President's Report**

- **Teacher Appreciation Week**

- Since we will likely not be in school, we will not be able to provide our teachers with snack carts in the teachers lounges as we have done in past years.
- Discussed possibly running a virtual appreciation week online. We would encourage our students to participate in a number of ways. (ie. video/audio messages, artwork, poems saying thank you)
- We also discussed potentially assisting the district administration in offering a credit towards spirit wear as a gift since there was teacher interest before the schools closed. The board will discuss further in the next board meeting and decide before the end of the month. Dr. Nugent will contact us to let us know when or if he has set it up with the spirit wear representative.

- **Future events with possible changes**

- **8th Grade Dinner Dance**

- If school is closed in May then we will not have the dance as planned. The PTA board discussed the possibility of just postponing, instead of cancelling, the dance in hopes that we can bring the 8th graders back for a little bit of closure before heading off to high school. We felt that they were losing so much already (i.e. sports, music, graduation, great america) and we don't want them to not have a chance to reconnect to visit, celebrate and say goodbyes.
- We discussed having a pared-down version if need be. It could be in another location, such a Maercker School since Westview will likely be under construction. The 8th grade dance committee agrees, and will try to still be ready to put the event on if or when we are able based on social distancing restrictions. IF it's very late in the summer, there could be a homecoming theme to it.
- We also discussed doing an 8th grade gift/package. We will still need to give the students their booklets from the dance, their Great America ticket (we're discussing other options for that as well), and anything else the district would like to add to it.

- **Wildcat Dash**

- Given the state of the economy, struggling local businesses who would typically be donors, potential loss of jobs by parents, and a busy fall PTA schedule, we are exploring ways to alter our Wildcat Dash in consideration of those circumstances. We would like to not ask our usual donors for money.
- We may have the event for free or a nominal fee instead of the typical registration cost.
- We might forgo the t-shirts that cost money and are labor intensive.
- We'll wait to see how the next few months unfold and work with that committee to make a decision at a later time.

- **Summer Gathering**

- We're contemplating whether to host a summer gathering someplace large and outside once social distancing restrictions are lifted. Possibly at a place like cypress cove or a park. The vice president will gather some ideas and prices for the June meeting.
- **Spirit Wear**
  - Car magnets and yard signs are now available on the website. Car magnets are \$5 and yard signs are \$10. The goal to foster a sense of district pride and community.
  - Spirit wear committee will deliver signs to people's doorstep within a few days of ordering.

### **Superintendent's Report:**

- Dr. Nugent explained the delayed roll out for Zoom, and how the district is trying to safeguard our students from the growing number of hackings into the platform, as well as allowing teachers time to experiment with this new app and figure out how best to use it with their students based on the age group they have.
- He told us that the district has no confirmation on when school will resume. They plan to operate as though we will be out for some time still, may not come back at all. So the plan is to help move the kids forward in the curriculum and prepare for the long term.
- Nugent informed us that the district is looking into more formal ways of collecting feedback from parents to help adjust the plan where needed and give parents a way to express concerns, in addition to emailing, seesaw messaging, and phone calls that we already have available.

### **Questions/Commentary**

- We opened up a Q&A with the superintendent and parents expressed various concerns they had with the e-learning plans and their experiences on the first day.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 pm**