

Redtail Ridge Elementary School

January 2018

PTC Minutes

Meeting was called to order in the media room of Redtail Ridge Elementary at 6:30pm on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

1. Welcome and Introductions. In attendance: Tammy Kelsey, Jamie Literski, Liz Cisel, Stacy Sabby, Pam Doerr, Ashley Engling, Allie Eicher, Tracy Green, Keri Kuboushek, Amy Tate, Mara Harper, Kaitlyn Nelson, Lori Kraus, Amy Harms Hoad, Megan Boysen, Tara Hawks, Anna Brynteson, Kristen Shadis, Stephanie Williamson, Carissa Wasing.

2. Principal's Update:

Map Testing will begin in January for 2nd - 5th graders.

CogAT Testing will take place for 2nd graders next week.

Redtail Ridge received a check from MVEC for \$3000 that will be used towards flexible seating/flexible classrooms. 2 teachers - Kelly Stuft and Katie Hanson's classrooms will begin transformation to this flexible space this week, to allow new and different choices for students and to create a more student-centered classroom. Pictures will be posted to generate awareness and excitement as Redtail Ridge moves towards flexible classrooms in the future.

Employee matching gifts - many corporations/employers make a match to its employee's charitable contributions. Redtail Ridge has received a handful of checks over the past few months from employers who have matched their employee's charitable donations. A big thank you to those who have selected Redtail Ridge for charitable contributions.

3. President/VP Update:

There was a short December recap - Redtail Ridge held an engaging bike assembly for the students, the "Blizzard of Wishes" (teacher gift requests) was a big hit among the teachers and they really enjoyed their gifts geared towards the classroom's needs, and teacher appreciation gifts were handed out to staff before winter break.

4. Treasurer's Update:

Balance \$18,153.38

DOGS Balance \$5,639.48

5. Fundraising Requests:

Two Funding requests were received:

1) The 3rd grade teachers are requesting \$451 for a raptor lesson, taught by someone from the Richardson Nature Center, that will take place in April

2) The 2nd grade teachers requested \$500 to off-set the cost of each student's admission for the Minneapolis Book Arts field trip in January. The cost of the trip will be \$15/student instead of \$20/student.

Both requests were approved.

6. Fundraising Update:

February 2018 Read-A-Thon - Keri Kuboushek is leading this event and the team has had 1 planning meeting and will have one more meeting before the kick off of this fundraiser. The team is still working towards a monetary goal for the students/school as well as allocation of the raised funds (ie - flexible seating in classrooms, playground maintenance, PTC funding, Family Fun Night, etc.)

Family Fun Night will take place on Saturday, February 24th. Tammy Kelsey is leading this event along with Anna Brynteson. The night will consist of a carnival theme with games, a DJ, food, spirit wear, balloon art, face painting, etc. This event will look very similar to the Family Fun Night last year. This team is still looking for more volunteers to help with setup, decorating, food, and organization.

7. Volunteer Needs:

Kindergarten registration night will be held January 18th starting at 6:30pm. A few volunteers are needed to help with photocopying and administrative work.

8. Upcoming Events/Activities:

Davanni's Night - Monday 1/29

Kindergarten Info Session - Thursday 1/14 7:00 - 8:00pm at Grainwood Elementary

School Board Meeting - Monday 1/8 7:00pm at District Services Center

No School - Monday 1/15 and Friday 1/26, Early Release Thursday 1/25

9. New Ideas/Other Business:

It was proposed that the school inquire about the cost of an all-school subscription to MobyMax and Razz Kids in hopes that there would be a cost savings to what is currently being spent by each grade level for these educational tools. The PTC would use monies raised by the Read-A-Thon to fund these all-school subscriptions for next school year.

Next PTC meeting is Tuesday, February 6th, 2018 at 6:30pm

Submitted by Allison Eicher on January 3, 2018