

Redtail Ridge Elementary School

May 1, 2018

PTC Minutes

Jamie Literski called the meeting together at 6:30pm in the media room at Redtail Ridge Elementary School.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Present: Stacy Sabby, Anna Brynteson, Mara Harper, Melissa Benson, Lisa Lagergren, Ashley Engling, Deanna Heski, Pam Doerr, Jamie Literski, Darcie Gust, Molli O'Halloran, Carisa Wassing, Allie Eicher, and Barb Yetzer.

2. Principal's Update

MAP Testing for grades 3-5 just finished up.

Flexible seating has all been added to classrooms. Desks and chairs are still an option. This flexible seating creates option making choices for kids and allows for more collaborative group work. Barb has received a lot of great feedback from the teachers.

Due to the recent Shelter in Place/lockdown, Barb shared a bit about the process that day - how the school came to learn about the need for this safety measure and how it was handled very smoothly. A police officer/liaison was at the school the entire time and during the Shelter in Place, the school day went on as usual - the kids, however, were not allowed to go outside during this time. It was a very smooth process due to the practice that's been taking place.

3. President's Update

- a) School Assembly 5/8 – Harlem Wizards
- b) Summer Playdates for Incoming Kindergarteners & Families - 3 summer playdates will be planned to help incoming students familiarize themselves with the school and meet other incoming kindergarten families.
- c) Staff Appreciation Week will take place May 7-11 and each day of the week, a special treat will be provided to the teachers and staff. Blank thank you notes will be sent home with students for them to write a note to their teacher or other staff members. The following is planned for the staff that week:
Monday - Breakfast, Bagels & Juice
Tuesday - Popcorn Bar after lunch

Wednesday - Lunch, Sandwiches and salad

Thursday & Friday - Treats in Mailboxes

Gift Cards will be raffled off to the staff every day that week

d) Classroom Parties 2018-2019 - in room parties will be handled differently next school year. Due to more stringent rules by the district finance department, teachers will no longer be allowed to collect money from parents at the beginning of the school year. Rather, we are looking into ways to have a volunteer handle these funds for parties. Some ideas are to have a classroom parent(s) handle the funds for each classroom or oversee soliciting donations for classroom parties.

e) Coca Cola Give Program - Website: us.coca-cola.com/give/schools. This site allows users to enter their coke rewards. We are not allowed to have a specified coordinator entering rewards, so we are requesting parents, guardians, teachers, students who have coke bottle top rewards to collect their lids and enter these codes at their leisure. The school will earn \$.05 per cap, \$.15 for 12 packs and \$.30 for 24 packs.

4. Board Positions for 2018-2019

We have filled several new positions

Treasurer - Carissa Wassing

Volunteer Coordinator - Melissa Benson

Secretary - Lisa Lagergren

We are still looking for a BRAVO Coordinator.

5. Treasurer's Update

PTC Balance is currently \$29,549

DOGS is \$5,639.48

6. Funding Requests

a) A CARES Grant has been requested for a staff member who is ill. PTC voted to donate \$150 in restaurant gift cards.

b) A \$48 scholarship was requested and approved for a student to attend the Young Writers Conference

c) Mrs. O'Halloran presented a request for the 2nd grade teachers for reusable book bags for a new reading program that is being implemented for 2nd graders. They would like to purchase 144 of these bags for a total of \$773.43. Request was approved.

d) The 3rd Grade teachers have requested to do a McColl Pond experience for their classes. The board requests they write up a formal request and approved funding up to \$500.

7. Fundraising Update

The February Read-A-Thon was a huge success. Funds continue to trickle in due to donation matches by employers, however those amounts have not been added to our total. Funds received for this fundraiser are expected to reach \$51,000!

8. Volunteer Needs

There were no volunteer needs to discuss.

9. Upcoming Events / Activities

- a) Staff Appreciation Week 5/7 – 5/11
- b) School Board Meeting - Monday 5/7 7:00 pm at District Services Center
- c) Choir Concert – Thursday 5/10
- d) Incoming Kindergarteners Open House – Wednesday 5/16
- e) Track & Field Day - Thursday 5/24
- f) No School - Monday 5/28
- g) 5th Grade Graduation – Thursday 5/31 1:30 pm
- h) Redtail at the Twins Game – Thursday 5/31
- i) Kindergarten Graduation – Friday 6/1 2:00 pm

10. DOGS Update

There were no updates from the DOGS. The pancake breakfast held in April turned out to be a successful event.

11. New Ideas / Other Business

None

**The next PTC meeting will be held, if needed, on Tuesday,
June 5th at 6:30pm in the Redtail Ridge Media Center**

Submitted by Allison Eicher on May 2, 2018