

## **Redtail Ridge PTC Meeting**

**November 6, 2017**

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

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

In attendance : Liz Cisel, Stacy Sabby, Amy Tate, Ashley Engling, Amy Harms Hoad, Megan Boysen, Lori Kraus, Keri Kuboushek, Krisy McHenry, Deanna Heski, Melissa Worm, Mary Jo Stocco, Jenni Hovde, Anna Brynteson, Darcie Gust, Jason Bartleman, Tracy Green, Jamie Literski, and Allie Eicher.

### **2. Principal's Update**

A new opportunity was presented to 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to be part of a C.A.R.E.S. Super Hero group for the school. Those 5<sup>th</sup> grade students who were interested applied and then 2 students were selected for each attribute (Cooperation, Empathy, etc.) - 10 students total. Molli O'Hallaran will be heading up this initiative and collaborating with the Super Hero students to be the "eyes and ears of the school", to find opportunities to make the school better, to point out students who are exemplifying C.A.R.E.S. attributes.

### **3. President/VP Update**

- a. Amy Harms Hoad is our new Volunteer Coordinator.
- b. CARES Fund Update - The CARES fund was started by 2 mothers of Redtail Ridge students, in order to give money to a family struggling with a financial need due to loss, a family emergency, or other unforeseen circumstances. A student/family was recently nominated by their teacher due to a lengthy hospitalization. The PTC board agreed to give the family a \$400 worth of gift cards to the family via the CARES fund. The attendees of the PTC meeting agreed that we would like to continue to add more to this fund by designating specific "dress up" days at school in which students will donate \$1 to wear a hat or wear pajamas or wear silly hair, etc.

### **4. Treasurer's Update**

Currently the PTC has a balance of \$20,608.34. At the PTC meeting, it was presented that the PTC had a balance of \$5,608.34. \$15,000 of the \$20,608.34 will be allocated to the teachers in form of grade level distribution and holiday gifts for staff, as discussed in previous meetings.

DOGS Balance \$5,639.48

### **5. Funding Requests**

BOOST is a 9-12 week before school program that allows kids who need a little extra help, but don't qualify for additional services. The teachers/principal would like to request funds for snacks to give to the students who participate. \$200 was approved. More funding may be necessary and will be requested in the future, if necessary.

## **6. New Initiatives Updates**

- a. School Directory - School directory information has been collected from families with students at Redtail Ridge. Keri Kuboshek, Jill Iaria, and Lori Kraus, from the fundraising team, are collecting directory requests for each family who stated they wanted a directory. There is suggested donation of \$3 and many families have paid, which off-sets the cost of printing the booklets (\$1.50 each to print) and the software that was purchased to create these directories (\$500).
- b. Blizzard of Wishes - Stacy Sabby is heading up this initiative to create a way for parents/guardians to give specific items to their teacher/their classroom, that were requested by that teacher (or specialist) as a holiday gift. Poster board with little die cut mittens will have the teacher's requests on them. These will be available on November 13<sup>th</sup>, before conferences, so that parents and guardians can select the item(s) to give to their teacher and/or specialist as a holiday gift.
- c. Staff Appreciation Committee - 2 Redtail Ridge parents are coordinating gifts for staff.
- d. PTC Logo - we are looking for someone to create a fun, memorable logo for the Redtail Ridge PTC to serve as brand recognition on all our PTC documents, apparel, etc. Liz Cisel volunteered to work on a logo.
- e. School Speakers - we are still looking for someone to coordinate 1-2 speakers to come in during the year and speak to the students. Climb Theater will be coming to the school this year and there is no charge for this theater company.

## **7. Fundraising Update**

- a. Butter Braids - the approximate amount of profit made by the Butter braids fundraiser is \$9300. Between \$400 - \$500 came in as cash donations. \*Note - Butter braids are to be picked up Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup> between 4-6pm.
- b. February 2018 Read-a-thon - Keri Kuboshek is heading up this fundraiser and planning a meeting in November with the other fundraising committee member. Parents are welcome to join the committee if interested. Barb Yetzer will attend one of the planning meetings in order to specify the goals and teacher needs in which the funds will be used for.
- c. Davanni's Night October - \$423.00 was made during this fundraiser.
- d. Tammy Kelsey is coordinating upcoming restaurant fundraisers.
- e. The school received a \$1200 check from the Prior Lake Rotary for all the raffle tickets and Lakefront Music Fest ticket sales as well as volunteering at the event.

## **8. Volunteer Needs**

- a. BRAVO Coordinator still needed
- b. Book Fair Monday 11/13-Friday 11/17 - emails have been sent out to parent volunteers
- c. Teacher Conference Dinners Tuesday 11/14 & Monday 11/20 - an email has been sent out requesting help with these 2 dinners.

## **9. Upcoming Events / Activities**

- a. Election Day – tomorrow!
- b. Early Release 11/9; No School 11/10, Thanksgiving Break 11/22-11/24
- c. School Board Meeting Monday 11/13 7:00 pm at District Services Center
- d. DOGS Pancake Breakfast – originally Saturday 11/11, moved to Saturday 3/24

## **10. DOGS Update**

The DOGS have a lot of new members and new leadership and are always looking for more new dads to join them. They will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 with and silent auction and other ways to raise funds.

## **New Ideas / Other Business**

- a. Childcare at PTC meetings - the PTC is looking to add this option for parents who may not otherwise be able to attend meetings or for parents who may find it a helpful resource. The PTC and Barb are looking to utilize an employee from the KidsCo after school program to watch those kids who need childcare.

**The next PTC meeting will take place on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Redtail Ridge Media Center.**

Submitted by Allison Eicher on November 7, 2017