

Endeavor PTO Minutes

Wednesday April 15, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

***This meeting was conducted and held through zoom because of school closure due to the Covid-19 virus.**

Attendance:

Julie Gryder, Kim Peters, Theresa Brock, Amy Statford, Janice Gennaria, Jenn Cooley, Elaine Su, Stacey Lang, Alison Gehri, Barb Mullins, Kristen Marshall, Ashley Neel, Sara Urbassik, Maggie Pasternak, Jen Herman, Katie Duh, Gina Vitelli, Krista Grow, Kylie McCarthy, Ro Clark

*Minutes approved from March meeting.

Treasurer Report:

- \$600.00 afterschool program. Still shy \$80.00. We should have received.
- 2 expenses for Rocket Blast one in March and one in April.
- Waiting for outstanding receipts to be received.
- \$10.00 Field Day shirt donated.
- \$491.00 for Mindfulness Day supplies.
- Reached out to teachers for classroom expenses. Received 2 more \$150.00 total. No rush will have until the end of the school year.
- New expense spent \$42.00 for Spirit Day prizes.
- Question was asked "What do we want to do with work books"? These are bridge books for each grade that are offered at the end of each school year. Parents can order these and all the money goes in and out of the PTO account.
 - We decided to not offer that this year with the current situation.
 - Teresa Brock will be sending out information about the Summer Bridge books and how parents will have to order them on their own this year if they want them for their children.
- Receipts for anything please text or email them so we can take care of our budget and so we can work on planning things.

- Rocket Blast usually brings in \$8,000.00
- The PTO has decided there will be no assemblies, no dance, no Thinkfest or Sunshine Fund. Hopefully this will wash out evenly.

Principals Report:

- Jenn Cooley spoke and said that she is going ahead and making the game for the Rocket Blast competition. They might have receipts to turn
- in for this that will need to be reimbursed. Game can be used next year for Rocket Blast.
- Remote learning is not the ideal situation. We recognize that some teachers are doing more than others.
 - Simple is better. One way to improve is the notifications from teachers. Adjustments are being made.
 - District sent out a survey about the remote learning experience for each specific school for each grade level. Received executive feedback.
 - Going to be meeting to see how once school starts back how teachers are going to implement the new things they have learned.
- District said no more parades.
- Zoom is not required by teachers.
- Teams programs are being used by staff.
- Ashley/Julie small groups being assembled to discuss playground situation with neighbors.
 - Theresa Brock is going to put something about it in the parent newsletter.
 - Apparently there has been a group coming to shoot hoops. They are older people in their 20's not students.
 - They have taken the hoops down and put caution tap up to discourage this.
 - Is officer Nick patrolling? Unfortunately he is not...he is now working 3rd shift.
 - It's not just Endeavor it's a district problem. People are antsy and want to get out!
 - Can't block the gates because of safety reasons. If there was a fire they have to be able to get around.
 - Trying to come up with creative ways to get them to stop.
 - Sign on fence says "Safer At Home".
- There is a principal meeting/executive meeting today.
 - Still trying to figure out what the end of the year events are going to look like.
 - One thing they want to really try to do is recognize 6th graders. Trying to figure out an appropriate way to do that.
 - Honor roll certificates for 3rd graders. There are a lot....want them to be acknowledged as well. Don't know how we are going to get those out.....more to come.
 - Working on document on grades for 4th quarter and giving out frosties.
 - Send out electronically...will not be handed out.
 - Online certificates...ask Wendy's for 400 online codes.

- Maybe do something to appreciate all kids and what they are all going through.
- Later this week or next we are creating a utube channel with “live announcements”.
 - Will have principal’s lunch for four days with each grade level.
 - Will come out on Monday’s newsletter.
- Elaine Su asked if there will be no state testing this last quarter how is it going to work with testing next year. How will it reflect on their files?
 - District is pulling a team together to discuss this.
- Spring pictures.....Tried to have them delivered 5 times. As soon as we get them we are in a holding pattern to see what’s going to happen.
- If they don’t start school back the students are going to have to come get their stuff at some point.

President’s Report:

- Emily is not coming back as president.
- We will have another PTO meeting at the beginning of May if we don’t come back.
- Need chairs for these events: Walkathon, Spirit Wear (Kelly Pace will still do the designs), Field Day, Fullest Potential.
- President council meeting.
 - The biggest topic of discussion was staff appreciation.
 - Each district considering buying signs and putting them on the teacher’s yards. But this might violate the stay at home order.
 - Talked about giving Gift cards to teachers as well but this could violate IRS. Board said it’s ok if it’s under \$25.00 but still can’t according to the IRS 5013C.
 - It was suggested by others to hold on to the money and do a back to school reception for teachers.
 - Elementary schools are doing individual classrooms. Some by grade levels. Each school is doing is in different ways. Someone coordinates electronic message.
 - Give Vitelli. Send out google doc (questioners).
- Ro Clark talked about yearbooks.
 - Contract \$380.00. We usually hit ~\$430.00.
 - We have sold \$310.00.
 - We ordered 20 extra and will be available for sale on a first come first serve basis.
 - Lifetouch usually put an extra 5 in there.
 - Should get the yearbooks about the middle of May.
- Thank you Kristen for Endeavor night out. Kristen will continue to do this but we need to watch to see if this is something we still want to do? Just depends on how things come back.
- Rocket Blast will not happen this year.
- We will keep it in the spring.
 - Need to look at the raffle buckets so see if anything expires.
 - Some of the food businesses might trade out for new one for next year.

- Will we have the school dance if we are in school? If we can pull it off it will be great! Are we calling? Yes.
- 6th graders are asking about coming back for the Rocket Blast club 6 next year. Possible chaperones? We feel after a year they might forget all about it.
- Field Day....still up in the air?
- PTO decided to cancel everything even if school starts back because there wouldn't really be many weeks left and it would be a lot to try and plan in such a short time.
- No penny wars.
- Graduation would be the one and only thing we really would make an effort to have something if school starts back.
- We should work on Walkathon over the summer.

DPC:

- Ashley talked about DPC. Barb Bossu award was discussed. Talked about delaying it. Still have a ceremony for this year's winner Julie Gryder or combine it with next years. Possibly late summer or fall
- Grading. We are beating ourselves over the head with remote learning. Matt Miller said the grades will stay the same as 3rd quarter. ...Unless they are showing no effort.

Girls on the run:

- Sending out emails to engage council sharing skills they can be working on at home.
- Virtual 5 K same day as actual run was scheduled.
- Having a zoom week this week about it.

*If we don't go back to school the PTO is considering sponsoring a back to school bash to welcome students and teachers.

**Theresa Brock scheduled a zoom meeting for May 6th. If school is back we will have our PTO meeting at our regular time on May 20th.

Meeting adjourned 8:30p.m.

