**PTO**

**Webster Middle School - Parent Teacher Organization**

**Approved minutes from**

**Webster PTO Meeting – October 20, 2020**

**7:00pm, Virtual Zoom Meeting**

* Call to Order/Introductions – called at 7:03pm
* Attendees: Tony DeRosa, Dan Reinert, Sarah Enwald, Karen Miorin, CJ Plante, Melanie Plante, Jennifer Robinson, Cori Kaminsky, Amy Wetzel, Carrie Engebose, Eric Smith, Mary Richter, Jennifer Meldman, Mary DeLone, Lisa Eickberg and Jamie Maier
* Approval of September 2020 minutes – 1st motion: Cori Kaminsky, 2nd motion: Melanie Plante
* PTO Membership Update - we have at least 220 members, with donations coming in
* Principal’s Report
  + Eagle Scout Grant – $1,120 Approved by Board. Picnic tables on east side of school near Gaga pits. Scout will work with CJ on reimbursement and timing.
  + Other Grants – anything over $500 goes through grant process. There is a grant for 6th grade math/robotics for IPad apps that needs reimbursement. Jennifer will look into this from last year to see if this was approved. It had to go through the district because it involved apps.
  + Student Ambassador Budget – asked for $200 to be added to their budget. Board approved.
  + Halloween – students and staff can dress up. There are guidelines and they must wear masks.
  + Virtual Book Fair – Nicole Ward will handle this, no help needed.
  + Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences – Tony will email parents about this in 10/30’s update. Dates/Times will vary, scattered hours. Sign up will be 11/2-5. Meetings will be weeks of 11/9-20.
  + All staff are preparing for flexibility on a hybrid model for 2nd quarter, if it comes to that, since Covid numbers are rising.
* PTO President’s Report
  + How can we help the Webster Staff?
    - Tony has offered for PTO to purchase items for classrooms. So far, two mailboxes have been purchased for storing materials.
    - There have been optional faculty meetings with treats included as well.
    - We will offer grade level lunches in the next two weeks. Kelly will handle the ordering. Each grade level has their own day, they choose their meal from Out and Out.
    - Jennifer and Melanie will coordinate item donations to put together a “thank you” bag for each staff member. 85 staff. Jennifer Meldman volunteered to put the bags together after all items are in. Will distribute by 11/20.
  + Upcoming events – Red Ribbon Week, Turkey Trot, Substitute for 7th Grade MSO Event
    - Red Ribbon - Raising money for a sensebox training tool ($600) for the Webster K-9. Will challenge each grade to raise $200. 5 Spirit Days through week, and classroom challenges.
    - Turkey Trot – Karen will ask volunteers to help plan this. Food Donations to Family Sharing, but no congregating this year. So no lap around parking lot or hot chocolate. Possibly “Stuff the Bus” one day or over a week. Karen will figure out what is possible and when.
    - Substitute for MSO Event – Mrs. Stein (CHS Band Director) can coordinate performing for both lunches or perform twice after HS lets out (between 1:15-2:15), or something virtual. After discussion and talking to 7th graders, it was decided to forego this event this year. With the pandemic, the logistics are an added stress. The WMS music staff may still be able to do something on that date virtually.
* Sunshine Committee Update – new employees have received welcome packages
* Red Ribbon Week – Cori – covered above
* Treasurer’s Report – 2020-2021 Budget update – CJ/Melanie – CJ went over the budget. We seem to be doing well. CJ is following up on the Annual Report to get our PTO standings back, to be reinstated. It should work out fine.
* New Business (Open) –
  + All four Board positions will be available next year. Spread the word to anyone interested.
  + Tony and all principals are working to try to get staff some much-needed time off, either an early release or a full day.

Next PTO meeting – Tuesday, November 17th, 7pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm.