

 WEBSTER PTO MEETING MINUTES 
OCTOBER 25TH, 2022 7PM

ATTENDANCE: Alison Caravella, Nick Rudich, Orrin Gorelick, Andy Piepkorn, Tony Derosa, Samantha Chartreau

CALL TO ORDER: Nick Rudich calls meeting to order at 7:06pm

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES: Quick review of minutes concerning budget line item discussions from September. Nick motioned for approval and Orrin seconded, all in attendance in favor of approval.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Tony Derosa

-Welcome to the PTO board Andy Piepkorn and Samantha Chartreau. Camp Minikani went well, positive feedback from kids, overall good feedback on having no overnight, school will likely keep this format (adopted due to Covid) going forward. Career day planning is going well. Will check on if the volunteer sign up is filled, whether more people are needed, including presenters; Tony will connect with Samantha Mewes. Two Webster parents are handling the food/catering for the presenters. Staff meeting/professional development day the day before school starts went really well to get all staff focused and all on the same page. Tony will present this idea to the school board and superintendent to get this on the schedule as a regular start to the school year.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Nick Rudich

-Moving PTO meetings might be needed as the Principal's schedule may be occasionally conflicted. The Non Fundraising Fundraiser letter went out to parents last week Tuesday, and as of today \$3625.20 has been raised. RRW activities happening this week. Chairperson Safiyah Long is coordinating with Lucas Mader, school counselor. Turkey trot: Family Sharing is in great need of food donations and Nick will begin

coordination on this. We will need to assess how best to do the food collection at the school to make it more streamlined for delivery to Family Sharing. Nick will reach out to Todd Bugnacki with Family Sharing about this. Orrin has gotten lots of chocolate milk donated again this year, and Nick will get donuts (PTO pays). Three (3) teacher grants were submitted to Tony after Orrin presented grant info to the staff at an earlier staff meeting. These grants were reviewed and discussed, then voted on as follows:

1. 6th Grade Social Studies request for 30 new atlases and one teacher guide totalling \$350. Motion to approve by Nick and seconded by Orrin. Approved by all in attendance. Tony does not consider an atlas instructional material in need of school board approval.
2. Best Buddies Coordinator (Webster speech pathologist) request for financial support for the Best Buddies Program to help fund field trips (Circle B bowling, Skateland, etc), snacks, and various craft supplies. Motion to approve by Nick and seconded by Alison. Approved by all in attendance.
3. Art teacher request for a mini-slab roller to be used for clay art projects totalling \$668. Motion to approve by Nick and seconded by Andy. Approved by all in attendance.

Tony will convey to staff tomorrow that there is approximately \$400 left in this semester's grant budget, with a deadline of November 15th for submission. Update to PTO requirements from the CSD School Board regarding PTO funding of school items: amounts under \$2000 do not require CSD School Board approval unless the items are instructional, as deemed by the school principal. Amounts over \$2000 will require CSD Board approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Andy Piepkorn

-Non Fundraising Fundraiser letter went out 1 week ago and so far has generated \$3625 in donations. We will send out a reminder email on

November 1st to encourage additional donations with a budgeted goal of \$4000. PTO has paid \$310 for financial assistance cases for Great America and Camp Minikani. Membership donations are at \$2095 so far this year.

COMMUNICATIONS: Samantha Chartreau

-Discussed how to do the newsletter: quarterly vs monthly, what to include. Tony suggested highlighting examples of how the PTO has supported the school in the past quarter. Nick and Samantha will brainstorm more ideas on this. Alison forwarded a newsletter example from Thorson PTO to Samantha. The goal would be to have the first edition out next week at the end of the first quarter, or shortly thereafter.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

-Tony and/or Alison will touch bases with Katherine Mudra to follow up on the logo decision for the new backdrop and get an estimated delivery date. PTO presidents across the district will be meeting bi-monthly with superintendent Jeridon Clark.

ADJOURN MEETING: Nick adjourned the meeting at 8:07pm.

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 14TH 2022 @7PM