**PTO**

**Webster Middle School - Parent Teacher Organization**

**Approved Webster PTO Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2021**

**7:00pm, Virtual Meeting**

* Call to Order/Introductions – 7:03pm
  + Attendees: Tony DeRosa, Dan Reinert, Sarah Enwald, Karen Miorin, Jennifer Robinson, Cj Plante, Melanie Plante, Cori Kaminsky, Mary DeLone, Jodi Rogahn, Rachel Ferrick and Jodi Viera
* Approval of January 2021 minutes – 1st motion: Karen Miorin, 2nd motion: CJ Plante
* Principal’s Report
  + 1st semester data for Covid – of all the cases and quarantines, there was only one in-school transmission!
  + 8th Grade Farewell - at CHS Fieldhouse, Tuesday, 6/8, still solidifying plans, Karen has 15 parent volunteers. Possibly recorded musical performances, student speakers. Mrs. Olp and Ms. Meleski create the video. Need volunteers to help set up, clean up, organize. Not sure yet on handing out yearbooks and possible reception.
  + Last Day of School – no Great America for 8th graders this year. Mrs. Olp is creating tshirts, designing logo now, theme is “The one where we could’ve been quarantined”. Doing a half day movie at Rivoli, and half day at Cedar Creek Park, Split grade in half and flip flop. Gather together for catered lunch and DJ at park. Need parent volunteers for this. 6th and 7th graders will do something fun on campus.
  + Upcoming testing – spreading this out more, dates are changing, update soon. Not sure if virtual kids will come in for this. Federal government tracks when there are opt outs, but more students are coming back for 4th quarter.
* PTO President’s Report
  + Upcoming School Board Panel – will be 3/22 or 3/23. Chance to hear the 4 candidates speak and answer questions. Will the PTO help host? Yes. Will the PTO share Google form via email and social media? Sarah and Cori. Can Board members review questions to make sure they are unbiased? Sarah and Jennifer. Will there be Board members on the Zoom meeting? Yes.
* Committee Updates
  + STEAM Fair - Ms. Rogahn – this is the 2nd Annual. It will be on 4/16 in the IMC. Last year was virtual so this is a good ramp up. This will be in person with a virtual component. There are 33 registrants and 15-20 projects! Students will have blogs and there will be a panel of staff to review and reward prizes. Ms Rogahn would like to do gift bags and snacks. Gift bags given at registration for participation (free pass to RiverEdge, PLTW STEAM Fair logo, pencils from DNR). Melanie will help put bags together. Need snacks for break time – ice cream or treat. Melanie will help with this as well.
  + Sunshine Committee – Melanie and Tony are on top of this
  + Staff Support – Focus now on Staff Appreciation Week, which is 5/3-5/7. Karen will send a list of volunteers to Jennifer and Melanie.
  + Next Year’s Board – really need to recruit. Normally there are nominations in April and voting in May. Spread the word to EVERYONE.
  + Scientist in Residence – Rachel – Setting up Parent Teams to help maintain the woods. Jodi Rogahn has been doing all of it with the Green Team. Need help mulching trails (boy scout troop helped with this in past). Possibly a Spring Mulching Trail Day? People can donate time or money. John Norquest (lives near Westlawn) donated his time to do a species removal. Ask parents to get involved. PTO send something out after spring break. Rachel will compose it and we can send it out. Rachel will make a survey to gauge where interests are.
* Treasurer’s Report – 2020-2021 Budget update – we received a $100 donation from Paypal as being a charitable fund.
* Grants – Tony will communicate this at the next teacher meeting (tomorrow) that they can ask for grants. The cycle is usually in February but we missed it and will do it now.
* New Business (Open) – PTO send to Tony the seats that are up this year and where the Board needs coverage.

Next PTO meeting – Tuesday, April 20th, 7pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm. First motion: CJ Plante, 2nd motion: Melanie Plante