**PTO**

**Webster Middle School - Parent Teacher Organization**

**APPROVED MINUTES FROM**

**Webster PTO Meeting – November 17, 2020**

**7:00pm**

**Virtual Zoom Meeting**

* Call to Order/Introductions – meeting called to order at 7:04pm
* Attendees – Tony DeRosa, Dan Reinert, Sarah Enwald, Karen Miorin, CJ Plante, Melanie Plante, Jennifer Robinson, Cori Kaminsky, Lisa Eickberg, Jamie Maier, Rachel Race, Bob Ross, Mary DeLone, Jodi Viera and Jennifer Meldman
* Approval of October 2020 minutes – First motion – Karen Miorin, 2nd motion – Cori Kaminsky
* RiverEdge Scientist in Residence Guest Speaker – Rachel Race
  + CSD has a 5-year partnership with RiverEdge for a Scientist in Residence. This is the last year. Rachel is looking for parents that want to get involved to take over this initiative. Examples of what they’ve done with our woods: Haunted Woods, cleaning up buckthorn, mulching trails, cleaning up teaching areas and prairie, taking trees down, usually parents help in normal years. Jodi Rogahn is main teacher involved. Looking for parents to help with planting, getting nursery discounts, any other ideas. Possibly Jodi Rogahn can ask the parents for support and interest. Karen thought we should educate parents to get them passionate about what this is about. Maybe send a Google form to parents to inform them of events they can attend to get involved or areas they can bring younger kids to visit (like the Haunted Woods) to get excited about it. Put this on December agenda to talk more about and send something out after holidays.
* PTO President’s Report
  + Membership update – we have 206 members
* Principal’s Report
  + Eagle Scout Grant – picnic table update – picnic tables are complete. Thomas did a great job.
  + Virtual Parent/Teacher conferences – seemed to work well, efficient, private
  + Other updates – Virtual Learning begins this Friday, 11/20 until 12/4 or TBD. Students will clean out lockers this week, and go through the virtual schedule. Tony shared the schedule for regular days and early release days (ending at 12:30). They are much more prepared now than they were in the spring. Most classes will meet via Google Meets (synchronous) or video (asynchronous with some sort of exit ticket). Teachers will teach in schools, unless they have a special circumstance. CARES Act is a case by case basis. Sports are not canceled, just postponed. Boys bball, Robotics, ski club all just rescheduled.
* Committee Updates
  + Sunshine Committee – all up to date
  + Red Ribbon week – Ranger donation – between the amazing collection to donate to the Humane Society and the monetary donations, it was a successful week. We raised $800 and it was a fun way to celebrate the week.
  + Staff Appreciation – Meals and Gift Bags – Staff were treated to grade-level lunches (Out & Out) and a breakfast this week (Big Apple Bagels). Treat bags will be delivered on Thursday to all staff. Great donations by parents.
  + Stuff The Pantry – Food Drive this week for Saukville Family Pantry. Had to be cut short due to school going virtual. Bins will be picked up on Friday. Tony will send a reminder on Facebook.
  + 7th Grade MSO substitution options – the virtual option for this is not great, and won’t accomplish what they want. We will table this for now and possibly reschedule later.
* Treasurer’s Report – 2020-2021 Budget update – we are doing well financially. We can spend money to support the school. Still working on our non-profit status, it is slow moving.
* Next PTO meeting – Tuesday, December 15th, 7pm Virtual
* Meeting called to adjourn at 8:28pm. 1st motion – Melanie Plante, 2nd motion – CJ Plante