**PTO**

**Webster Middle School - Parent Teacher Organization**

**Minutes to approve from**

**Webster PTO Meeting – April 22, 2020**

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

* Call to Order - called at 7:03pm
* Attendees: Tony DeRosa, Sarah Enwald, Karen Miorin, Melanie Plante, CJ Plante, Jennifer Robinson, Cori Kaminsky, Matt Larsen, Katie Straub, Shelly Bell, Erin Hickey, Karen Juneau, Shelly Miller, Lisa Eickberg, Amy Miller, Jodi Kittel, Mary DeLone, Jamie Maier, Merideth Harding, Rachel Fast, Jennifer Meldman, First names only via video– Ella, Jamie, Ben.
* Approval of February 2020 minutes: 1st motion - Karen Miorin, 2nd motion – CJ Plante
* Committee Reports/Upcoming Events and Topics
	+ 8th Grade Yard Signs – personalized (or not) yard signs from Digital Edge. Available for $10. Can set out on the Webster lawn alphabetically for pick up. Tony will announce this weekend in an email
	+ 8th Grade Shirts – the cost is combined with the Great America fee. This will be reimbursed and PTO will cover the tshirts. We just need sizes, which the office will handle. The designs are done. Mrs. Olp sent an email to students for voting on the top 4 designs. Voting ends Friday. We will order through Master Printwear. No individual deliveries. Tony will announce this weekend.
	+ 8th Grade Farewell – They already have two speakers and a video started. They will handle photo montage. They can add in a staff dedication to the students. Someone gave feedback on asking for a teacher parade where students can say goodbye. There are rules and guidelines for the school to follow that prevent these large gatherings. There may possibly be a delayed get together in August. We will have to see what happens, but that is the plan.
	+ 8th Grade Certificates and Presidential Awards – the office will handle this. There are 230-ish in the 8th grade class, so lots of awards. They might wait to hand these out at the formal get together in August. We will wait to see what happens, but that is the plan.
	+ 5th Grade transition – sent a survey out to the parents for ideas. Beth Frei and two students will make a video presentation to the 5th graders. They will also do a live google hangouts with student ambassadors, and have a Q&A. Tony will do a virtual scooter tour of Webster. Hopefully they will be able to have an orientation/back to school night for them in August, a more comprehensive tour than in the past, giving them more time in the building to get acclimated. They are still planning on the SkateLand back to school night for the incoming 6th graders as well.
	+ STEAM Fair – entries are due on May 4th. Mrs. Rogahn is handling this virtually. She asked for a grant for STEAM Fair prizes. This totaled about $600.
	+ Spring Grants – the only grants that came in were for the STEAM Fair prizes (above). The grant requests came in late, but the PTO is willing to grant them given the current situation. 1st motion to approve grants – Jennifer Robinson, 2nd motion – Karen Miorin.
	+ Staff Appreciation Week – there is no expectation from the staff for anyone to do anything. The good thing would be for the students and parents to send staff nice emails. Possibly have something for them in the beginning of next year. The 8th graders won’t be there, but better to do it then than not at all. PTO has enough in the budget to cover the cost of something in the fall so we don’t need to ask parents for donations then either. PTO can put something on the website and social media to remind families of this week. Tony can do a TikTok and send an email out to the parents to remind their kids to send something nice.
	+ Webster Madness Recap – PTO conducted a recap conference call in March. The fundraising goal was $5,000, and we made $5,300 so it was a great fundraiser, good turnout and good feedback.
	+ Passport book Fundraiser Recap – we made $450 from this, so we will do it again next year. New books come out in January.
* Principal’s Report – Virtual learning is going well. Feedback so far is that google meets are great, interaction is important. One idea is to get kids together virtually for their PAW Time, just to get more interaction. They are tracking grades and kids are doing well so far, really only reason for slipping grades right now is missing work.
* New Business
	+ PTO sign up next year will be free, people can donate if they want
	+ No magazine sale, maybe just ask for PTO donations in lieu of something they don’t want
	+ One more meeting this year to discuss 2020-2021 PTO Board, Committee Openings and Budget
	+ PTO Board will discuss PTOffice changing to another website offline – we have until June to decide
* Meeting adjourned - 8:46pm: 1st motion: Sarah Enwald, 2nd motion: Cori Kaminsky
* Next meeting: Tuesday, May 19th, 7:00pm, Virtual Zoom meeting (Karen will set up again)