**PTO**

**Webster Middle School - Parent Teacher Organization**

**Approved minutes from**

**Webster PTO Meeting – January 21, 2020**

**7:00pm, Webster Middle School**

* Call to Order – 7:03pm
* Attendees: Tony DeRosa, Sarah Enwald, Karen Miorin, CJ Plante, Melanie Plante, Jennifer Robinson, Cori Kaminsky, Jenny Meehan and Mary DeLone
* Approval of December 2019 minutes – 1st motion: CJ, 2nd motion: Karen
* President’s Report
  + TSU/Acacia Tutoring – February’s PTO meeting will be held there. Cori will advertise the change in meeting location heavily!
* Principal’s & Assistant Principal’s Report
  + Webster Madness is 3/5. Tony feels they are ahead of schedule. The red and white teams were announced. People can buy their color shirts for $10 each. Admission is $3, or free with purchase of shirt. Kelly is organizing spreadsheets on Google drive.
  + 5th Grade presentations start this week with Tony and Dan.
  + Washington DC Parent meeting is 2/4. The Trip is 2/21-23.
  + 7th grade courage retreat is 2/5.
  + District Spelling Bee is 2/6.
  + Webster’s Basketball Night at CHS is 2/11 for the 7:15pm game.
  + Career Day is 2/12.
  + Course Selection for incoming 7th and 8th graders is coming up.
  + Parent-Teacher Conferences are 2/27.
  + Suggested Sunshine Committee give “midway through school year” gifts to new teachers. Melanie will brainstorm ideas with Tony.
* Membership update – staying at 17%. The group talked about how to change PTO membership signup – online vs. printing out. Considering to stop the marketing of the directory as part of PTO membership, just show all the things the PTO does. Considering looking into offering a Lifetime Membership, where you pay by family for the entire time you are in the school district.
* Committee Reports
  + Recap of 7th Grade MSO Event – This was 12/19 involving 232 students. Karen purchased new items that can be used in future years. 29 tablecloths need to be laundered, pressed and folded each year. Karen suggested for next year to purchase a larger tree to have on stage. Also, be sure to include allergy-free foods (nuts, gluten, etc).
  + Little Caesars Pizza Sale – sale ended today. Distribution 2-6pm on 1/29.
  + Hospitality in Dec/Jan – doing well on budget, offering meals on PD days
  + Career Day – 2/12. Beth Frei is the teacher liaison. Most of the presenters are secured. She is looking for help securing volunteers to greet, escort, be room volunteers/chaperones. Mary DeLone and Rebecca Stewart will help with the hospitality piece that day. Sarah will send out a volunteer sign up sheet.
  + Webster Madness – Parents of players have volunteered. There are lmany volunteering categories. Jenny Meehan is coordinating the raffle baskets. She would like to display them by 2/24 and sell raffle tickets at lunch for two weeks. CJ applied for and purchased the raffle license. Michelle Fitzpatrick is leading the concessions.
  + STEAM Fair – this will be on 4/16, from 6-8pm.
  + Additional fundraisers – Passport book: Sarah is working on this. Foodie Flight has new restaurants. Great mix of venues. They are $20/book, we get $10 of this. Possibly sell them at conferences and Webster Madness. We are hoping we don’t have to buy them ahead and can just pay for what we sell. Once Sarah finds out, we will decide yes or no.
* 2019-2020 Budget Update – Box Tops earned us $429. Still waiting for Turkey Trot and Glow Party final numbers. CJ and Michelle will close out those expenses soon.
* New Business (Open)
  + Still collecting plastic bottle caps
  + Eagle Scout project - Pavilions over Gaga pits. A few Eagle Scouts will build these over the summer.
  + Webster Construction update – All this summer. Considering when to plan a Ribbon-Cutting ceremony. Summer Academy will remain at WMS.
* Next meeting: Tuesday, February 18, 7pm at TSU (The Student Union) on Washington Ave.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm. 1st motion: Cori, 2nd motion: CJ