

## **Pine Ridge PTO General Meeting Friday, February 24, 2017**

### **Principal's Report – Tamasha James**

- The Art Show and Camp Read- A- Lot will be combined. They will be on March 22 from 6-8pm.
- STEAM Night was awesome! We had a crowd of parents and kids at Pine Ridge. The district was here, along with people from all of the FHPS schools.
- MAP Reports will be going home for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. This is the first year we will do MAP testing 3 times. This really helps us use it as an instructional guide and as an assessment. We are encouraging students to take their time and do their absolute best. We tell them that this is not a race and that they are only competing against themselves.
- Thank you PTO! It is so great partnering with the PTO. You are so supportive of our school and our staff.

### **Guest Speaker – Mrs Zietz**

- The things purchased with the auction money are great! The kids are so much more enthusiastic when they are in the media center.
- We have purchased the furniture for the lounge and the bean bag chairs. When the kids come into the media center, there is a board which tells them where they can sit. The lounge seats about 10 kids and 4 students can sit on the bean bags. This means that each child gets to sit in these areas every other week. This helps them view the library as a place to read.
- Almost \$15,000 of the auction money was used to purchase 1,253 new books for the media center. We purchased a lot of “Who Was” books, a new series of nonfiction books written by Ken Jennings, former Jeopardy Champion, books that align with the third grade curriculum on landforms and bodies of water, books on spiders, books that align with the 1<sup>st</sup> grade curriculum and can be used for animal reports. The red dot section, for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade emerging readers) also got a lot of new books.

### **Teacher's Report – Mrs. Cardoso**

- Thank you for all of the Conference dinners. It is so nice to be able to have such wonderful meals on the days we stay at school for Conferences.
- Thank you from the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade for purchasing the IXL math program.
- Thank you from the Counselor for the new books.
- Thank you from 1<sup>st</sup> grade teachers for the extra grade level books. They are excited to have 6 books per title for our reading groups.
- Thank you for everything that the PTO does!

## **President's Report – Sarah Streit**

- The Griffins Game is this Saturday at 7pm. It is a Star Wars theme night and there will be an open skate after the game.
- Carnival
  - The preorder ticket form came home last week. The deadline to purchase advance tickets is March 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - We will have an inflatable obstacle course
  - Ice cream is back.
  - We will have a new attraction – “Tape the Principal to the Wall”. Students can purchase tickets and will use duct tape to tape Mrs. James to the wall during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Carnival.
  - The Sign Up Genius for volunteers is up. We have a lot of High School volunteers but still need parent volunteers.
  - Flyers will come home asking for donations of 2 liters of pop and baked goods next week.
  - The themes for Spirit Week are:
    - Monday – Mismatched Monday
    - Tuesday – Team Spirit Tuesday (Pine Ridge Pride)
    - Wednesday – Wacky Hair Wednesday
    - Thursday – Read My Shirt Day
    - Friday – Fandom Friday (celebrate whatever you are a fan of)

## **Vice President's Report – Kylie Rowland**

- “We Love Our Community” Celebrations: The residents at the retirement homes loved getting all of the Valentines from our students. We have received very positive feedback.
- Staff Appreciation Week: We have decided on a “Take Me out to the Ballpark” (all-sports) Theme. The Sign Up Genius will go out for volunteers to help with the following events:
  - Monday – luncheon
  - Tuesday – smoothies
  - Wednesday – breakfast
  - Thursday – snack cart
  - Friday – yogurt bar
- PAC
  - The Enhanced millage will be presented by KISD in May. All districts in KISD will be voting. If it passes, the amount will be distributed equally per pupil throughout all of the school districts in KISD. It will mean \$2.1 million for FHPS if it passes. Information is on the district website. Next year FHPS will have a \$1235 shortfall per pupil.

- State of the District Luncheon will be on May 4. This luncheon is given by the Forest Hills Foundation. There are 3 open Board spots on the Forest Hills Foundation. Applications are due by March 15.
- Sex Education: As of right now, a district nurse is going over our sex ed program to make sure our program is in line with state guidelines. The state says the district can have an advisory council about sex ed that will include parents, health care professionals, and clergy).
- School Calendar: The district has applied for school to start before Labor Day. More information about this will be going out to parents. We should know for sure by March.

### **Treasurer's Report – Karen Witham**

- We have funded the Special Grants that board approved in January and February.
  - \$99 for a 1 year subscription to Mobymax for Special Education
  - \$348.06 for 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Level books
  - \$94.50 for Kelly VanSkiver for new Guidance Counselling Books
  - \$2632 to purchase a 3 year IXL Math subscription for 125 students
  - 3 Hokki stools for Mrs. Miller's 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom
- Fall Boxtops money has been added
- We made almost \$2000 from Original Works

### **Committee Reports**

- We are looking for a Ranger Rally Co-chair for next year.

### **By-Law Amendment Proposal – Kylie Rowland**

- **Current Article (II) Section 2.4** "The Corporation shall provide and pay for babysitting for member meetings so long as the member seeking such services requests such services at least one day prior to the meeting."
- **Proposed Amendment to Article (II), Section 2.4** Remove from the bylaws completely, as we will continue to encourage and promote family friendly atmospheres at our general meetings.
- **Current Article (III) Section 3.1** "The corporation shall have one (1) president, one (1) vice president, one (1) corresponding secretary, one (1) recording secretary, one (1) treasurer, one (1) parliamentarian and such other officers as the members may elect or the directors may appoint."
- **Proposed Amendment to Article (III) Section 3.1** "The corporation shall have one (1) president, one (1) vice president, one (1) communications/webmaster, one (1) secretary, two (2) treasurers, one (1) parliamentarian and such other officers as the members may elect or the directors may appoint."

- **Current Article (III) Section 3.7 "Corresponding Secretary.** The corresponding secretary shall conduct all correspondence including sending cards, as needed, to Pine Ridge Elementary School staff and families; and shall publish the corporation's newsletter. The newsletter will include monthly Pine Ridge Elementary PTO meeting highlights. The corresponding secretary shall maintain and revise the Survival Guide and online updates as needed."
- **Proposed Amendment to Article (III) Section 3.7 "Communications/Webmaster.** The communications/webmaster shall be responsible for maintaining the corporation's website which includes but is not limited to: posting weekly updates, current events, information and pictures, volunteer sign ups, forms, etc.; and shall publish the corporation's newsletter."
- **Current Article (III) Section 3.8 " Recording Secretary.** The recording secretary shall give notice of all director/officer and member meetings; and record and maintain in the company record book minutes of all member meetings. Such minutes shall be provided to the directors/officers one (1) week prior to any member meeting. At the same time, the recording secretary shall make copies of such minutes available for members at the Pine Ridge Elementary School office or shall post such minutes on the PTO Bulletin Board, outside the Pine Ridge Elementary School office."
- **Proposed Amendment to Article (III) Section 3.8 " Secretary.** The secretary shall record and maintain in the company record book minutes of all member meetings. Such minutes shall be provided to the directors/officers one (1) week prior to any member meeting. At the same time, the recording secretary shall make copies of such minutes available for members at the Pine Ridge Elementary School office. The secretary shall also conduct all correspondence including sending cards, as needed, to Pine Ridge Elementary School staff and families."
- **Current Article (III) Section 3.11 " Parliamentarian.** The parliamentarian shall keep all director/officer board meetings in order by relying on Robert's Rules of Order. The parliamentarian shall review the corporation's Bylaws not less than once each term and shall recommend changes to the directors/officers. Upon the approval of the directors/officers, Bylaw revisions shall be reviewed and approved by the members at a member meeting."
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- **Current Article (IV) Section 4.1** "The board of directors shall consist of the officers of the corporation and the Teacher Representative as voting members and the principal of Pine Ridge Elementary as a non-voting member."
- **Proposed Amendment to Article (IV) Section 4.1** "The board of directors shall consist of the officers of the corporation as voting members and the Teacher Representative and the principal of Pine Ridge Elementary as non-voting members."
- **Current Article (IV) Section 4.3 "Teacher Representative.** The Teacher Representative shall be a member of the Pine Ridge Elementary School faculty and shall be selected by the faculty to serve as a member of the corporation's board. The Teacher Representative shall: serve as the liaison between the school faculty and the parents, submit faculty requests to the board of directors and membership, and communicate member and board of director decisions to the other faculty members. The Teacher Representative shall attend all monthly meetings."
- **Proposed Amendment to Article (IV) Section 4.3 "Teacher Representative.** The Teacher Representative shall be a member of the Pine Ridge Elementary School faculty and shall be selected by the faculty to serve as a non-voting member of the corporation's board. The Teacher Representative shall: serve as the liaison between the school faculty and the parents, submit faculty requests to the board of directors and membership, and communicate member and board of director decisions to the other faculty members."
- The above proposed amendments were presented to the General Membership and approved.

### **Recording Secretary's Report – Janet DeLapp**

The minutes from the December General PTO meeting were approved.

### **Upcoming Events**

Saturday, February 25 – Griffin's Game (Star Wars Game)

Saturday, March 11 – Carnival – 11am-3pm

Monday, March 13 and Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – Book Swap

Wednesday, March 22 – Art Show/ Camp Read-A-Lot – 6-8pm

Friday, March 31 to Friday, April 7 – Spring Break

Week of April 17 – Book Fair

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Janet DeLapp

Pine Ridge Recording Secretary