New Franklin School PTO Board meeting minutes

Zoom 04/21/20 @ 7PM

Present: Joanne Simons, Josh Cyr, Eva Marino, Lindsay Beardsley, Kellie Langs, Judith Clark and Rhonda Young.

Absent: Jen Yager

Confirm new board members- Josh has sent out an email to board with the proposed new members. Emails have been sent to perspective members and we will vote at our May 13th PTO meeting.

Shirt distribution planning -Kellie will connect with Josh when shirts come in. Josh is willing to help distribute shirts at the May 13th distribution for packets (that will be the schools last distribution).

Any further financial updates (some changes from last meeting due to shirts and field trip expenses). Lindsay will have finances updated by May PTO meeting. Some outstanding expenses are a website charge from last year, field trip expenses, T-shirt cost and Mrs. Newman’s grant.

Update from Joanne. –

* Mrs. Simon’s talked about need for 5th grade yearbooks to those who may not be able to pay this year. Mrs. Johnson is sending a google form to families to help asses that need. Also, Mrs. Simon’s is trying to think of special event when it is safe to gather to let the 5th graders sign yearbooks. Possible parade?
* When Chrome books and other library/school books come back in June, school can reassess what is needed and maybe PTO can help financially?
* Mrs. Dennis, 3rd grade teacher, is retiring. We will only have two third grade classes for next year.
* Kindergarten registration will be 5/5 live on line. If you know anyone who is going, have them call the school and leave name for Kim.
* Forms will go out in a couple of weeks about teacher selection. The teachers will then discuss in meetings they have scheduled June 8th and 9th.
* There will be no report cards this year.
* May 13th will be the last packet distribution for the year.
* May 14th the school will be shut down so they can start construction. Teachers will have to close down their classrooms.
* Teacher appreciation week/end of year thoughts. Mrs. Simon’s encouraged positive feedback to teachers. This sparked conversion about end of year teacher/staff gifts. Joanne said there are about 59 staff members. Talk about getting a basket/bucket to each with gifts/GC/notes from kiddos. This would have to be giving to them before that May 14th last day at school timeline. Possibly a class liaison email could go out.

Set Agenda for May 13th PTO Meeting

* Joanne’s updates
* Board vote
* Finance update
* Incoming request/contingency buffer plan to help school in summer.

Josh talked about a new platform called Remo, just to plant the seed for future meetings that may be more casual and or in a classroom setting. He has sent us an email to help explain as well.