



Riverview Jr. /Sr. High School PTO

PTO meeting minutes for November 11, 2019

- 6:02 pm, meeting called to order by President, Carrie Longstreth.
- Mr. Hewitt was unable to be present and had offered to call in. People present decided that was unnecessary and we would email him any questions that came up during the meeting.
- **Mr. MacConnell was present to give us a Key Club Report.**
 - a. Talked about Key Club. Students are asked to perform at least 5 hours of volunteer activities and submit those hours to the club. He would love to bring back Builder K Club for Jr High students to get them interested in Key Club and volunteering. The club builds leadership skills, grant writing skills, etc....
 - b. Recent news.....A \$50,000 grant was obtained for Verner Elementary.
 - c. A Key Club member approached him wanting to do something to raise Autism awareness. They came together and decided that perhaps breaking a Guinness Book of World Records record could be a fun way to do that. It was a very long process but they are approved to try to break a “Most People Wearing Sock Puppets” record. The current record is 628. If all students and teachers participate we would be well over 1,000.
 - d. It will be done on Field Day, April 28th, 2020. Field day is now going to be combined. 10th Street and Verner coming together at the park. This event will be RAIN OR SHINE, SNOW OR SUN!!!
 - e. Teaching Tolerance granted us \$900 for funding.
 - f. Autism guest speakers can be attained to speak.
 - g. If we obtained donated socks (*so many of us have one random sock waiting for its lost match*) from students and teachers, we could purchase new socks to be donated to a homeless shelter.
 - h. We would need parent volunteers.....1 per every 50 participant.....at the very least 20.
 - i. Looking for a teacher and a parent PTO member to help facilitate.
 - j. All Guinness requirements have to be met and everything needs to be done perfectly. Example.....field will be fenced off and only one entrance and exit can be used.
 - k. Mr. MacConnell plans to have the first meeting regarding this in January. More information to come.
 - l. Susanna Frazier suggested that we have a “Sock Hop” dance in the spring to help raise awareness and money for the event. Insert uproarious reaction from all present ...

- **Secretary's Report**- Heather Deem presented a printed copy of September's meeting minutes, asked if there were any questions. Meeting minutes are also online. Moochie Donatucci approved and Lisa DeVita seconded.

- **Treasurer's Report**- Stephanie Vespi presented her report and asked us to review.
 - a. Mrs. Deluca did not end up needing any funds from the PTO for the JR High Halloween events. Enough supplies were obtained from parents.
 - b. While mentioning that there is money for the teachers if they should need supplies for something.....Mr. MacConnell noted that we are applying for a \$100,000 grant for a shipping container garden that the students would run. The school is already set to receive 3 sets of hydroponic tubes to grow fresh herbs. EXCITING STUFF!!!!
 - c. Moochie Donatucci mentioned how much she liked Stephanie's budget format and was very pleased that at the first meeting we voted to raise the Teacher Appreciation lunch budget from \$250 to \$500. We also have extra Aldi gift cards that can be used.
 - d. Lisa DeVita asked about bank fees and Stephanie explained that the board had approved a purchase of QuickBooks software. Makes her job easier and cross checks everything entered.

- Debbie Dunn will be coming to talk to students or adults about job opportunities at the next PTO meeting. Debbie works at Presbyterian Senior Care in Oakmont.

- **Dance Program**- First round of money has come in. Nothing else to report.

- **Ski Club**- Information coming out soon. There will be 4 trips to Seven Springs via Coach buses. Moochie Donatucci strongly encourages all interested to participate, lessons are available and she gets a fantastic discount. Families interested in attending can also receive this discount if they go through her.

- **Graduation Speaker**- Mr. Hewitt has requested that the PTO pay \$500 for the graduation guest speaker's expenses. The speaker has waived their fee. We all agreed that we are not against giving the money but would like a little more information.

- **Buckets for Teachers**- This is something that we would like to organize so that every classroom has a "Go Bag" or "Emergency Bucket". Lots of other districts have done this already. Each container, whether book bag or bucket, would contain emergency supplies.
 - a. Needs a Chairperson to organize. Chair would work with Mr. Garrison.

- b. Mr. MacConnell brought up the magnetic door locking system that Verner has and we wonder if that could be brought to the high school.
 - c. Could Epi Pens be included? All teachers have been trained to use them. How difficult would it be to get them? Moochie offered to speak with the nurses and ask more questions. There is a website called EpiPens for Schools.
- **Water Bottle Filling Stations-** The price has gone up since 10th street acquired them. The price was \$600 then. Ideally we could have 4 -5. One near gym, 2 upstairs and either end and 2 downstairs at either end. Lisa DeVita will get the information that she has to Carrie Longstreth. Also need to speak to Mr. Hewitt and Facilities Manager about this possibility.
 - **Teacher Appreciation Day-** To be chaired by Heather Roupas. Moochie Donatucci and Kristin Lio offered to help.
 - **Prom Committee-** Prom committee will be led by Christen Bovienzo. It will be held at Oakmont Country Club this year.
 - **New Business-**
 - a. Parents asked Mr. MacConnell if Key Club could organize a spring activity for the Jr High kids. If not, could Student Council or PTO organize a spring fling or Sadie Hawkins dance or a lock in??? Parents are looking for a very casual school activity for the kids, Jr high and Sr. high. Key Club has a December 6th holiday dance scheduled for Jr High kids already.
 - b. Gretchen Biondich asked if any plans were made for the new slab of cement outside of the cafeteria. Will tables or benches be put in? Could we get tables like the ones outside of 10th Street?
 - 2020 PTO meeting dates are: February 10th and April 6th.
 - Meeting Adjourned. Moochie Donatucci approved. Heather Deem seconded.