

**RIVERVIEW JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL PTO MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 6, 2021. 6:30 PM. ZOOM MEETING.**

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Heather Deem.

**President Carrie Longstreth** introduced the PTO board for 2021-22.

**Vice President- Heather Roupas**

**Treasurer- Stephanie Vespi**

**Secretary- Heather Deem**

6:32- Call to order.

**-Principle Updates:**

-The guidance department has been monitoring students progress the first 9 weeks and everything is going very well. Students grades have improved from last year.

-Homecoming festivities were a success, weather was beautiful and it was a very fun event. The annual bonfire will be in Oakmont this year on Friday, October 29th. The boroughs take turns hosting the bonfire and this year is Oakmont's turn. There will be a parade that runs from Tenth Street Elementary to Riverside Park.

-A SADD sponsor has been obtained, other clubs are up and running.

-We have a new webpage manager named Junior Gonzalez. He will now be updating the district website.

-Melissa Penkrot asked about Junior High information and the newsletter.

-Deb Polsiak asked about the National Honor Society volunteer restrictions and the challenges students are facing obtaining the 15 hours needed in a 3 week time period. Mr. Hewitt said he would speak to the Ms. Lorenz. He explained that the purpose it to make volunteering a part of the students lives, not just an assignment to squeeze in but with Covid restrictions still in place and some volunteer restrictions, it is too difficult.

-Katie Harley mentioned the Blessing Board volunteer opportunities.

-Pam Billet suggested that students receive the volunteer rules in 9th or 10th grade so that parents can make volunteer arrangements and be prepared. The last minute notice makes things difficult. Everyone needs to be informed early of the expectations.

**-All students are supposed to be volunteering and logging 5 hours of volunteer hours a year, starting in 9th grade. There a forms available, but students will need to seek the form out.**

### **General conversation:**

-Looking for PTO fundraising ideas to boost our account and support the many initiatives that the PTO would like to continue to contribute to. For instance the Raider Strong shirts, the senior banners that have become a yearly expense.

-Nancy Harvey asked if we could ask for donations. Have a “non-fundraiser” fundraiser. Perhaps a football bet like Tenth Street did a few years ago that was so successful.

-If we would like to reach all families, Mr. Hewitt can easily send out an email and reach all.

**-Katie mentioned we are a 5013C, perhaps we could get a business Venmo for donations? Tax deductible and convenient.**

-Went over senior activities. They should be able to do all the normal senior activities.

-Deb asked about Halloween and Jr. High dances. Is anything being planned? Normally the Key Club plans Jr. High dances. Mrs. Arnett took over the Jr. High Student council.

-Melissa Penkrot suggested a movie night.

### **-Treasurer Report:**

-Stephanie Vespi went over and shared our profit and loss chart. Nothing much has changed and she can email reports. She does not have the invoice yet for the “Raider Tough” shirts that the PTO contributed to purchasing in the fall for teachers, staff and fall athletes.

### **-PTO Dance Report:**

-Katie Harley and Wendy Wilton will be retiring next year from running the PTO dance program. She will be available to train whomever takes that position over.

-The school does not want any students in the school after 9pm, the dance schedule will have to be modified. We would need to pay for janitor services if meeting on a Saturday.

-Pam Billet asked if the numbers are still strong? They are not. Should we advertise? No.

-Deb Polsiak asked if classes will be combined or canceled? We will have to see after all the registrations are in.

-Heather Deem asked how Ms Maria was doing? Very well, back to herself.

### **-Ski Club Report:**

-Moochie Donatucci will be leading the club again. We will be able to obtain busing. Students will obviously still need to wear masks.

### **-Teacher Appreciation:**

-Heather Roupas will be organizing again. M. Penkrot and N. Harvey volunteered help. We had a lot of restrictions last year. Will have to see what is happening when the time comes.

**-Prom Committee:**

-Carrie Longstreth will be the 11th grade parent helping to organize. Fundraising is well under way. Mrs. Kovortek is the teacher that helps organize. They are already deciding on colors and themes. Any questions can be directed to either of the above ladies.

**-New Business:**

-H. Roupas asked about the vape detectors. They are all installed, some are not hooked up yet.

-Deb Polsiak asked about yearbooks and pictures.....if a student can not afford these, do we offer some assistance. Mr. Lindeman said teachers have a fund that they dip into for things like this and absolutely want to help anyone who perhaps can not afford something like that. Ex: tickets to prom, yearbook, interview clothing.... These needs are growing in the district.

-Carrie Longstreth mentioned that PTO would also be willing to help teachers with any of the above mentioned expenses.

-Our next meeting will be the end of November/beginning of December.

**-Adjournment:** D. Polsiak, first. P. Billet, second.