

Davidson K-8 PTO General Board Meeting September 24, 2020

Location: online via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM.

Board Members Present: Kathey DeBree, Carly Schiano, Rebecca Kryshalowych, Melissa Boyes, Andy Puckett, Shelley Notte, Kendall Whitney, David Martin, Tara Hartman-Gud, Chuck Fortuna, Amanda Childress, Jaime Bruderek

Other Attendees: Shara St. Denis, Glenn Prillaman

Approval of July Minutes:

Shelley motioned to approve the minutes, with Melissa seconding the motion. Minutes passed unanimously.

President's Report

COVID Fund

Kathey reported that Amanda and Chuck, along with teacher input, are creating a working list of students in need of learning pods or other types of support. Administration will have more information to report at the next meeting.

Chuck reported that the Covid Fund could be used to meet additional technology needs that will arise under Plan B, including teacher laptop batteries and better cameras for middle school teachers.

Treasurer's Report

Tara presented a 2020-21 draft budget for Board approval which included the carryover of \$47,000 from 2019-20 and \$35,000 for 2020-21. David motioned for a vote to approve the budget and Shelley seconded the motion. Budget was approved unanimously.

Not included in the current draft budget is the Administration's proposed project to install astroturf on the front lawn adjacent to the playground. Chuck is currently investigating the costs and complexities surrounding this project with DK8 parent, Glenn Prillaman. He reported that a few individuals have expressed interest in donating money to fund the project. The work can be executed in phases and the turf will need to be replaced

every 7-10 years. Both CSD & JV Washam have turf installed on their grounds and report that it works well.

Chuck and Glenn are gathering information with respect to costs and logistics for this project. They will follow up with potential contractors to get an estimate for budget purposes and report those figures to Tara.

VP President Elect

Spirit Wear

Carly reported that she and Michelle Eddy were in the process of setting up an online store that will be up soon. Face masks and lanyards will be included in the mix of items for sale.

Fundraising

Movie Night

Movie Night will be held on Friday, November 6 at Barnstock. Pizza will be sold. More details to follow. Chuck reported that staff will be on hand to assist with the event.

Capital Campaign Update

David reported that the Capital Campaign will begin on November 30 and run through December 18.

Local Business Sponsor/Dine Out Nights

Whit's Dine Out night will be on October 21. The PTO will receive a portion of all sales and spiritwear will be available for sale.

David reported that he and Kendall are reaching out to local eateries (Brickhouse, Mandolino's, Ice House, Ben & Jerry's) to inquire if any would be interested in becoming a DK8 business sponsor. Please contact David or Kendall if you know of any other businesses they should consider.

Communications

Andy reported that the school directory will be coming soon. He is sending out an opt-in link for families to fill out. The directory will be password protected and posted to the PTO website.

School Spirit/Community Building

New Parents Meet Up

Kathey reported that New Parents are invited to meet at the Town Green on October 2nd and October 9th from 7-9pm for an outdoor, socially distanced gathering. Attendance is capped at 50 and participants are asked to register online. Board members are asked to attend and welcome new families to DK8.

Walk/Bike to School Day & TOTP Kickoff

TOTP Kickoff will be held on October 7th. Families are encouraged to walk from the Town Green to the school anytime between 10:30am and 12:30pm. Students can wave to their teacher from the school sidewalk and the DK8 Tiger will be available for pictures by the rock.

Book Fair

Kathey plans to post a flyer for parents to keep them informed and engaged with the online book fair. She reported that it's difficult to track sales because data is not recorded until after shipment.

Members at Large

Room Parents

Melissa and Amanda are working together to contact teachers in order to create a room parent master list. Once they receive the room parent contact info from teachers, they will reach out to room parents directly.

Plans are for Grades K - 4 to have at least one room parent per class. Grades 5 - 7 will have 4-6 parents per grade level. Chuck asked that students in Grades 5-7 be involved in planning class celebrations/events and allowed to offer input.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Next Meeting: October 29th.