

Davidson K-8 PTO Executive Board Meeting August 27, 2020

Location: online via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM.

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

Approval of July Minutes:

Tara motioned to approve the minutes, with Amy seconding the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

President's Report

Open Position Update

Natasha Nadeau resigned as Fundraising Co-Chair. However, two Fundraising Chairs remain on the board moving forward this year.

VP Community Building position remains vacant. Last year's Nominating Committee identified a potential candidate but was unable to fill the role.

COVID Fund

Kathey reported that she received a significant number of questions about the COVID Fund being managed by the PTO. The school is not allowed to collect donations, hence the need for the PTO to collect them. The fund will appear as a pass through line item on the PTO Budget. All requests for COVID financial assistance must be approved by a Board vote.

Administration has identified DK8 students in need of financial assistance to join learning pods. SLT will organize the details of locating and/or creating a pod and present them to the Board for financial approval.

Treasurer's Report

Tara reported that \$47,000 was carried over from last year's budget. Usually, only \$30,000 is carried over at the end of each school year but as many PTO events were canceled in Spring 2020 due to COVID, a surplus of \$17,000 resulted.

Tara put together a proposed budget for 2020-21. She streamlined and combined many accounts and categories for simplicity. Please review the budget and provide Tara with any feedback you may have. Tara, Kathey, and Carly plan to meet to review the proposed budget in more detail prior to the September Board meeting.

VP President Elect

Spirit Wear

Carly reported that she and Jess are working on producing masks and lanyards for sale. Carly also plans to open an online spiritwear store.

Fundraising

David reported that he and Kendall met with Kathey and Carly to discuss fundraising plans and strategies for the school year. Kendall and David will organize details/plans in September, with the rollout of the fundraising campaign in October. They also plan to communicate to parents exactly how Tiger Fund donations are spent.

Communications

Andy reported that he will be managing the PTO content for the Tiger Tribune. Deadline for submissions is NOON on Wednesdays. Shelley is managing the website and all PTO communications via ParentSquare. They plan to investigate ways to utilize more features in ParentSquare such as online school store, directory, etc.

School Spirit/Community Building

Walk/Bike to School Day

Kathey reported that Walk/Bike to School Day will be held October 7th and that students will participate from home. The Town of Davidson approved the event. Jennifer Von Bremen will chair this year.

Book Fair/Scholastic Dollars

Kathey reported that the online book fair will take place the last two weeks of September. The book fair will remain open for 14 days. Approximately 200 books for 4th & 5th grade novel studies were purchased using Scholastic Dollars.

Members at Large

Room Parents

Amy and Melissa plan to contact teachers to find out how many classrooms already have a Room Parent so that they may begin creating a master list of Room Parents. They would like teachers to solicit parents to volunteer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Next Meeting: A General Meeting will be held sometime during the end of September so that the 2020-21 PTO Budget can be approved. Parents will be invited. Kathey plans to poll Board Members to set up a recurring monthly meeting date and time.