

March PTO Mtg - Minutes
March 9, 2021
Via Zoom; 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

- **President's Call to Order**
- **Review of Minutes**
 - **Secretary Van Horn**
- **Treasury & Budget Update**
 - **Explanation of payments made this month**
 - **Balance**
 - Inflows - \$277.16
 - Outflows - \$22.79
- **President's Report**
 - **Virtual Spring Book Fair has started, please support our library - please support if able, check out Ewallet to support teachers and their classrooms**
 - **Kona Ice will be here on Wednesday, March 17 in place of an ice cream social; each person in the building will be treated to an 8 ounce snow cone**
 - 11:30-2:00 Kirkwood in person students
 - 2:00 - 3:00 Kirkwood at home students will have the option to come up
 - **School Supply Kits – Kary Mangers & Maggie will be sending out information**
 - Info coming out shortly
 - **Request was made & granted for First Grade Read for the Stars; each child will receive a balloon & sticker chart**
 - **Chicken Checker grade level challenge**
 - **Please consider signing up, they are laying eggs!**
 - **Upcoming dates:**
 - Monday, March 8 to Sunday, March 21 – Virtual Book Fair
 - Tuesday, March 9 – Dining out at Dewey's Kirkwood
 - Wednesday, March 17 – Kona Ice Truck
 - Thursday, March 18 – Dining out at Dominoes Pizza Kirkwood
 - Monday, March 22 to Monday, March 29 – Spring Break
 - Tuesday, March 30 – Back to school
 - Wednesday, March 31 – Dining out at Ballwin Sno Cone
 - **Budget Considerations**
 - **Grants; Staff Appreciation Week**
 - The Teacher Appreciation Committee is asking for a grant in the amount of \$4000, not to exceed \$4500 to provide three meals (one food truck, two boxed lunches) to all staff members
Cost is slightly higher than previous years due to the need for boxed/prepared food
 - Included in the \$4500 is \$1200 worth of gift cards for gift card wheel
 - In the past we have spent close to \$3500,
 - Currently have \$12,000 in the grant fund to use
 - Motion approved via zoom
- **Principal's Report**

- District Events, no guidance yet from district on opening up the building; once we come back from spring break that will probably be revisited
- Teacher Preference Forms will be coming out next week, paper copy, due April 1st
- Goal is to have classroom teachers assigned by the last day of school, unless asked by district to not make those announcements
- Adventure club update - do not know what fall will bring yet; looking at having program available this summer at one location
- Summer school options being discussed
- How many kindergartners currently? low 50s right now, some of who did not attend this year, will be joining next year, want to be able to plan for an kiddos who may be returning to the building
- Teachers are finding ways to get vaccinated!
- Kirkwood at Home - we do know there will be a virtual option offered next year, but what it will look like is unknown at this time. A survey will be going to out to families in April
- MAP Testing will be happening, has to be in person, be offered a centralized location to take tests, possibly on Fridays

- **New Business**

- Cardinals Night - discussions are being had in regard to a fall Cardinals night; would be possible if given a green light by district, would be looking at a September evening
 - Would tix often need to be purchased 6 weeks ahead of time?
 - If we do not take them up on the offer will we end up at the end of the list to sing at future events?
 - Would families find a fall date too much?
- Been contacted by Dr Uhlrich to publicly give our support as a PTO to the Prop R initiative
 - Props are not political initiatives
 - As a PTO our job is to support the students, and Prop R is how the district is attempting to support our building needs at WE
 - If we choose to publicly support, our organizations names would be part of a letter that is placed in Kirkwood -Webster Times
 - An original concern was are we able to support with how our how our bylaws are written, but upon further investigation a bond issue is not considered a political initiative and therefore we are able to support
 - Believe many of our KAH families will move back into the buildings
 - A motion is made to approve ; motion passes

- **Meeting Adjourned**