**2020-2021 PPE PTO Board Meeting Minutes, March 9, 2021**

A regular meeting of the PPE PTO Executive Board was held virtually on Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

The meeting convened at 5:00 pm. Co-Presidents Kass Benchoff and Ginny Dolezal presided.

**Attendees:** Russell Young, Principal; Kass Benchoff, Co-President; Ginny Dolezal, Co-President; Nahed Zehr, Vice President; Geoff Watson, Treasurer; Katie Agnew, Secretary; Emily Cary, Teacher Liaison.

**I. Welcome and Call to Order:**

Kass Benchoff called the meeting to order.

**II. Approval of February 9 and March 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes:**

A motion was made by Katie Agnew for approval of the February 9, 2021 and March 2, 2021 meeting minutes with Nahed Zehr seconding the motion. The motion passed.

**III. Treasurer’s Report:**

* Geoff Watson provided the Treasurer’s report. He reported that MNPS has communiated that they will bill the PTO for $60,000, which payment stems from salaries two years ago that were never billed.
* He reported that expenses should total approximately $125,000 for the year, which is better than the $150,000 that was budgeted.

**IV.  Principal’s Report:**

* Dr. Young reported that the Read-a-Thon was a huge success and concludes this week, with Character Dress-up Day on Friday.
* The budget process is underway. MNPS has projected enrollment of 467 next year, resulting in $160,000 fewer dollars in the school’s budget. Funding will be further reduced if the projected enrollment number is off by more than 20 (ie, fewer than 447 students enroll).
* ESSER funds will help but they are one-time funds that are supposed to be spent to mitigate learning loss and not spent paying for staff positions.
* MNPS has issued a ban on exceptions hiring this year, which is how the Spanish teacher’s position has been funded. Funds will have to be found to pay for this or we will lose the position.
* Work is underway to determine how the PTO can fund positions instead of the school, but PTO funds have dwindled this year and concern was expressed about next year’s Invest campaign. Many of the families who have left the school were among the most generous donors.
* The school’s budget is due April 6.

**V.  Vice-Principal’s Report:**

* Dr. Young reported that Ms. Temple’s baby was born on Friday, and that Melinda Williams will return as the interim vice principal while Mrs. Temple is out on maternity leave.

**VI. Co-President’s Report:**

* **Old Business**
  + Fundraising
  + Corky’s Dine Out Night will be on Wednesday.
* **New Business**
* Grandparents / Special Friends Wall of Love
  + The Wall of Love has been postponed until the fall, over concerns about how many times parents and special friends are being asked to give to the school this spring.
* Fourth Grade Present
  + Handprints will be made at school during school hours on April 26th. The PTO is exploring how to collect funds through PayPal.
  + Fundraising
  + Auction will be on April 16 at 6:00 pm.
  + Shake Shack Dine In and Out will be on May 3rd, all day.

**VI.** **Announcements:**

* April 13 – PTO Board Meeting at 5:00 pm
* May 11 – general membership PTO meeting to approve budget and PTO slate. Speaker TBD.

**VII. Adjournment:**

Kass Benchoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ginny Dolezal seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Katie Agnew

Secretary, PPE PTO Executive Board