

Painted Rock Organization of Parents (P.R.O.P.)

Monthly Meeting Minutes

September 2nd, 2021

In Attendance:

Executive Governing Council:

- Elizabeth Brown- President
- Jenna Andrade- Vice President (via Zoom)
- Elizabeth Kiss- Secretary (via Zoom)

Committee Chairpersons:

- Jenifer Lovejoy- Volunteer Communications
- Becca Diaz- Hawk Pride
- Lyssa Walter- School Program Support
- Danielle Phillips- Library

Administration:

- Mrs. Harper

In-Person Members:

- Sherry Ehmry; Trisha Snyder; Kaitelynn Young; Felicia Penza

Meeting call to order at 8:17 AM. All commenced in the Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions were made around the room.

The Zoom link for the morning meeting was only sent to committee chairs because there was a separate Zoom link for the upcoming evening volunteer meeting (for all parents) and we didn't want parents getting confused.

President's Report- Elizabeth Brown

Elizabeth Brown presented Trisha Snyder as a candidate for the Student Recognition committee. Elizabeth asked for a motion to elect her. Lyssa Walter motioned; Jenifer Lovejoy seconded. All voted in favor of electing Trisha Snyder to the Student Recognition committee chair.

Elizabeth Brown addressed the school's policy of "no visitors on campus". Administration clarified that PROP is considered essential and will be allowed on campus to do volunteer work,

but not to the extent of large events like Fall Festival. Elizabeth Brown asked that we wear masks and abide by the rules for safety. Fundraisers and Events are up in the air due to Covid-19.

Evening Zoom meeting tonight (Sept. 2nd): First time to be able to do this. Difficult to have evening meetings due to working parents wanting to be involved but not wanting to come back to campus after work. Wanting to utilize Zoom to have parents who want to be involved. Believes this will be a good way to get parents involved, and let them see what is going on. Plan is to have a recap of this meeting and go over volunteer opportunities with Caught Being Good and other PROP related things. Elizabeth Brown asked if anybody had thoughts on what she should bring up, and invited everybody to join.

Next PROP meeting is October 7th. Reid Board Meetings are also open to all parents (unsure of upcoming date).

Discussed the July meeting and brought up the PROP website and that it had to be shut down for liability purposes of Reid insurance. Will not have a PROP Website but will be working with the school's website under the PROP tab.

Administrative Report- Mrs. Harper, Principal

Mrs. Harper said that they're just trying to get the school back on track. Says that they will NOT go back to online. They're just trying to keep distance to keep the kids safe. Lunches changed a bit to provide cover to the aides, keep the kids safe from COVID, etc. Reid board has an "action plan" in the case of forced shutdowns (either school-wide or extended classroom closures). Will print it out and bring it later for parents to review. This plan has more details than the previous one from the March 2020 shut down. They've paused sports and clubs and the like and Fall Festival due to COVID-19. They're doing the best they can to keep everyone safe. There are only two fifth grade teachers now instead of three. No people on the waiting list for fifth grade. All of the other grades have sufficient teachers - specifically kindergarten, which will build attendance for the rest of the school. They do not want to overwhelm the classes because then it becomes just managing the kids and not teaching them.

A parent asked about teachers encouraging children to wear masks if they know that their parent has specifically asked them to wear one. Mrs. Harper said that parents can request that of their teacher, but there's no way to enforce it. The school is about 50/50 with who is wearing masks and who is not. A question was asked about kids that have sneezing and coughing and enforcing masks. Elizabeth Kiss brought up that there is an increase in RSV, and allergies due to drought and then monsoon rains, the flu, etc. Trisha mentioned that parents can buy at home tests. Ms. Harper discussed people bringing to her ideas about how to get more at-home COVID tests for the school nurse to distribute.

Secretary Report- Elizabeth Kiss

The April & July meeting minutes were emailed to board members. Elizabeth Kiss is still looking for May minutes.

Jenifer Lovejoy motioned to approve the April and July minutes as written; Lyssa Walter seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Treasurer Report- Claudia Mocan

Claudia was not present. Elizabeth Brown reported that Claudia has been delayed in doing the reconciliation report because the new PROP computer was not able to open Quicken and that she needs the IT department to fix the issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HAWK PRIDE- Becca Diaz

New additional Spirit shirts have been ordered. Initially ordered approximately 200 shirts. Ordered more so they had extras on top of the orders already placed. They were recently delivered.

Lyssa Walter (running PROPsicles) has 324 popsicles and wants to order three more eighteen count boxes. Mrs. Harper asked about including Kindergarteners. Lyssa explained that with the limited time for lunch, it causes too much of a hassle and more work for them because of half-day kids v. full day kids, etc.

SCHOOL PROGRAM SUPPORT- Lyssa Walter

Lockdown Kits are almost finished. Lyssa says she only has a few more things to do - she needs to pick up new flashlights for three classes. Has to put water in all of the special's classrooms, special ed, tutoring, and office. Needs to fully do the restocking for the library.

Picture Day coming October 27th.

STAFF APPRECIATION- Tamara Garza

Tamara was not in attendance. Teacher Appreciation Luncheon- October 14th during Parent/Teacher Conferences & Half Day.

LIBRARY- Danielle Phillips

Danielle talked to Scholastic contact and former library chair. Received an email stating that we have to decide soon what kind of Fall Book Fair we will hold. It's typically done the week of the Fall Festival. Mrs. Harper said that if we were to do it in person, it wouldn't be open before and after school and would only be open to students during school hours. Talking about doing it during Parent Teacher conferences so that people are inside to purchase books, but many conferences will be virtual. Decided on doing VIRTUAL FALL BOOK FAIR to avoid unnecessary

large gatherings. Discussed keeping the book fair open longer to make additional money from the fundraiser. Mrs. Harper discussed potentially sending out text messages, additional emails, flyers, etc, to create a bigger buzz than previous virtual book fairs.

Danielle is also looking for volunteers to do Book Reviews to add to the school's approved book list.

VOLUNTEER COMMUNICATIONS- Jenifer Lovejoy

People are volunteering on the website, so she's getting contact information, but has no idea what they are volunteering to do because it doesn't indicate it on the form.

STUDENT RECOGNITION- OPEN (filled by Trisha Snyder this meeting)

Caught Being Good is going to be on 3rd Friday of the month. In the case of half days or other conflicts (like this month), it will be the 4th Friday (September 24th this month).

Honor Roll Ice Cream dates and details TBD.

ATHLETICS- OPEN

Turkey Trot normally takes place the Monday or Tuesday of the week of Thanksgiving, but this month we have the whole week off. Mrs. Harper asked what we would prefer - having the week off, or a longer Fall Break (October). Most parents in the room were in favor of the longer Thanksgiving break. Discussed doing Reindeer Run in place of Turkey Trot. Lyssa brought up having the 7th/8th grade kids helping out more as volunteers instead of participants.

FUNDRAISING- OPEN

Fall Fun Run has to be delayed due to COVID. Discussed doing a Cupid Run, or something around Valentines Day or in February, or before Spring Break.

Family Fun Nights: Elizabeth Brown planning Brusters Family Fun Night- decided on September 29th.

Discussed approaching other restaurants or finding out if any parents owned restaurants that they could partner with to do more restaurant fundraisers.

8th GRADE ACTIVITIES- OPEN

Elizabeth Brown is in contact with an 8th grade parent and former PROP member, Angie Sanich, to help plan 8th grade activities. She is gathering a group of 8th grade parents to manage this committee.

ADJOURNED - 9:34 PM