

MINUTES

Thornebrooke PTO Board Meeting – video conference

Date | time 05/11/2021 / 7:30pm | *Meeting called to order by* Co-Presidents Karissa Martin & Dena Reyes -7:34 pm

In Attendance

Karissa Martin	Lynne Schaber	Karen Francoforte	Amanda Rearden
Dena Reyes	Danielle McCoy	Lili Brown	Kristine Skeline
Toniann Lentine	Allison McMullan	Lisa Hiracheta	Christin Petroski
Lauren Whittington	Jussara Post	Anne Hetzel	Catie Gall
Laura Van Baalen	Kimberlie Reinhardt	Vicki Woodyard	Jennifer Elzeer
Jennifer Julian	Alessandra Romano	Christie Howlett	Christopher Daniels

***Board Meeting held via Zoom video conference**

Call To Order and Welcome – Dena Reyes

- Dena welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all for attending.
- Dena also thanked everyone who helped with the Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week. It was very well received and everyone was grateful for the support.

Nominating Committee Slate- Toniann Lentine

- The Nominating Committee Submits the following nominations:
 - President – Jennifer Julian
 - Executive Vice President – Laura Van Baalen
 - Vice President – Lynne Schaber
 - Vice President- Allison McMullan
 - Vice President- Christie Howlett
 - Treasurer- Danielle McCoy
 - Secretary – Lauren Whittington
 - Past President- Amanda Rearden
 - PIE Coordinators- Alessandra Romano & Carolyn Stewart
 - ADDitions Coordinator – Toniann Lentine
- Toniann requests that all in favor say aye
- All say aye. None opposed. The vote passes.
- Toniann presents the TES PTO Executive Committee for the 2021-2022 school year.

Principal's Report- Christopher Daniels

- Mr. Daniels congrats the new executive committee
- Mr. Daniels thanks everybody for the Teacher/Staff Appreciation week.
- In the newsletter coming out this week, there will be a link to the sibling request/characterist forms. There will also be paper copies for F2F and the forms can be requested from your teacher.

- Mr. Daniels stresses that is important to list characteristics. There will very likely be some grade level teacher changes in all grades except for 5th.
- Please let anyone you know with an incoming Kindergartener, please register. Also anyone who needs to re-register can do so now.
- The county announced today that they will not offer LaunchedED or any similar program for next school year. The state is not providing funding.
- They are anticipating that by August, things will be back to normal
- Art teacher, Rachel Saunders is leaving at the end of this year to go to grad school. She did an excellent job, but she was offered a full scholarship to an art school in the northeast. We will miss her and wish her the best.
- We have hired a new art teacher, but cannot announce until all of the paperwork goes through.
- We have received more survey information. Out of 32 schools in the West area, Thornebrooke scored very high in all areas: Student/Family/Staff.
- Mr. Daniels thanks the PTO for making up the loss from rental/ ASP money. That will help with the summer work moving forward.
- Summer School – we will have 110-150 students from TES, Windermere & Lake Whitney Elementary.
- K-5 summer school will be offered for students who need a little extra help
- ESY summer school will be offered for students in the ESE program
- 3rd grade summer school will have an emphasis on reading
- Mr. Daniels commends our custodial crew for continuing to work without Carla. He was able to get some part time help from the county. They have helped a lot.
- Saturday school and Science Camps went really well.
- Test results probably will not come until July. We do know from our iReady data that we will be very high.
- Question - Dena Reyes asks if there is anything else we can do to further help our custodial crew, especially over the summer, ie – carpet cleaning.
 - Mr. Daniels says that is a good idea and says he will ask what is needed. He knows the library will need the carpets clean.

School Supply Drive- Lili Brown

- The flyer is shared so all can see
- We have partnered up with Education Products to do our supply kits again next year.
- Flyers will be going home with F2F and will be sent to Jennifer so Room Parents can send out.
- Supply drive starts now until June 1st. Late orders will run June 3-27.
- The hope is to have the kits picked up by Meet the Teacher in August.
- Mr. Daniels asks why 5th grade is \$100, could we maybe knock off an item?
 - Karissa and Dena they can get a breakdown of the items and see if there are unnecessary items
 - They think the cost is likely more due to the need for headphones with a microphone
 - Dena remembers that 5th grade specifies larger quantity Lysol wipes. It is the only grade that does so.

NYPD Pizza Night – Alessandra Romano

- NYPD Pizza Night Thursday May 13 from 3-8pm.
- Flyers will go home with students. Electronic flyer to be sent go Room Parents/ social media
- NYPD is donating 20% of sales to Thornebrooke. They are offering delivery and take-out.

Budget- Danielle McCoy

- Danielle shares her screen. This is budget through to today. She scrolls slowly so all can see.
- Danielle points out that there are a few committees with remaining budgets. Any receipts and reimbursements should be turned in by May 21st so that we can be sure the checks are written prior to the last day of school.
- She addresses that we have some outstanding items that should be included for our summer spending. We need a motion made and approved. Those items are: Faculty Luncheon for planning week, membership incentives, Sunshine State books for the school, the purchase and installation of the fans by an approved vendor, the deposit for next year's Fun Run. This amount is not to exceed \$25,000.
- Will someone make a motion?
 - Christin Petroski makes a motion for the list of summer spending mentioned not to exceed \$25,000.
 - Jussara Post seconds the motion.
 - All in favor say aye. All in favor. None opposed.

5th Grade End of Year – Karissa Martin

- The celebration will not be what it has been in the past, but they will receive the Yearbook, the USB (includes photos and a video of the awards ceremony), and a tee shirt. Karissa shows the tee shirt.
- There will be a luncheon provided on the 24th.
- The classes will also have an in-room celebration with their teacher on the 24th or 25th.
 - **Question:** Christin Petroski asks if LaunchEd students will be allowed to attend the awards or the celebration
 - **Answer:** Mr. Daniels answers that there will be an opportunity for the ceremony. He has met with the 5th grade team. We need to keep it at 6ft and we will be able to do this since we are doing three groups of ceremonies. For the party, that is a little harder, but he will work on that and he hopes to have an answer in the next couple of days.

For those who cannot come, Dena and Karissa will make sure their items are delivered to them.

- **Question:** have we decided on a 5th grade class gift to the school?
- **Answer:** They are going to send out a survey to the teachers for the students to vote. They are leaning on something outdoors, probably something like painted games on the basketball court. There will also be recyclable fence art as part of the gift. It will be used for a send-off for the 5th graders and also to be used for future events

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 pm

Announcements

May 13 – NYPD Pizza Night
May 25- Last Day of School