***Freedom Elementary School PTA***

***Meeting Minutes, April 7, 2022***

**I. Call to Order**

Virtual meeting due to COVID-19. Lori Coon, Co-President, calls to order the virtual meeting of the Freedom PTA at 6:30 p.m. on April 7, 2022.

**Attendance**

The following individuals are present at the meeting: *Jessica Smith, Lori Coon, Becky Clemens, Melissa McGuinness, Julie Bloom, Karice Parada, Rahul Chaudhary, Stephanie Otterson, Brandi Blevins, Alejandra Zecena, Courtney Seitz, Jennifer Dingle, Karen Barnes*

**,II. Motion to approve minutes from March PTA meeting**. Approved.

**III. Old Business Review**

A. Spirit night earnings (Becky C.): Chic-Fil-A - $410.72, Red Barn Ranch - $1400, Los Aztecas - $300, Krispy Kreme - $360, Noodles $192.56, Tristar - $500, Coke Caps - $33.78, Amazon Smiles - $374.73

**IV. Board Reports**

1. Karice Parada will be taking on the Secretary position for next year.

B. Principal report: Jessica Smith:

1) 4th quarter has started

2) Looking forward to a “more normal” end of school year

3.) 1st assemblies in two years with Tristar and Reptile World

4.) Play Day coming up in May

5.) Order has been placed with Trex for 3 new benches for front of school

C.. Teacher Report (Ms. Castner):

1.) In need of a new poster maker

2.) Lizz and Ms. Castner to go over supplies needed to stock the teacher closet

**V. New Business**

A. **Positions Needed for next year:**  VP and School Square Store need to be filled for next year.

B. **Extra funds available to Increase Teacher reimbursements:** PTA would like to increase the teacher reimbursements to $100/part time and $150/full time. Vote was passed. Lori will send information to the teachers. This increase will continue for next year.

C. **Upcoming spirit days:** (Becky) Seafood Legend - April 12th, Pizza Boli’s - April 28th

D. **Parent Directory (Courtney):** Courtney has created the new parent directory on a private server. It is up and running. Emails were sent out. Parent will need to log in to access the directory

E. **Upcoming Assemblies: Tirstar Martial arts** 4/8. Reptile World on 4/19. Assemblies will be split into 2 groups.

F. **School Store Tye Dye:** Looking to organize a Tye Dye event, reach out to Liaisons for help with organizing. Idea of doing a “New Year” kick off with events and chalk the walk.

G. **School Cleanup Day:** May 14th (weather permitting), 9:30 am. Lori will supply trash bags, bring your own gardening tools and gloves.The flyer will go out virtually. Looking for ideas of what to plant in the 7 flowerpots in front of school. Melissa will ask Deb for ideas.

H. **Paint NIght:** Brandi is organizing another kid/parent paint night. Brandi will supply the stencils, paint and brushes. Snacks will be available to purchase. Community service hours available.

I. **End of Year Party:** End of school year pool party at Merrit on June 11. Cost will be $5/child. Will take place in the evening. Possible ideas are a photo booth- $150, pizza and drinks.

**VI. Committee Reports**

A. **NexTrex Recycling**: (Melissa) She will be doing 2 more pickups of plastic; last collection day will be April 14th. We are currently #8 with 3,278 pounds of plastic so far! The next school is less than 50lbs ahead of us. We should let people know where they can continue to recycle plastic. We will keep one bin at the school

B. **Bingo:** (Stephanie) Stephanie and Mary will be helping/training and taking over Bingo next year. Tickets are ready to deliver next week. There are about 150-160 available. We received many donations that they split some items to create more baskets. They have plenty of items for door prizes and raffles. They could use more volunteers to help collect money, sell raffle tickets, concessions and bing items. Service hours available. Mr. Earp will be the caller. They have the bingo machine/tv and concessions. Help could be used to wrap/organize/transport baskets at Stephanie’s house on April 23rd.

C. **After School Program:** Kids After Hours has been presented a contract for next year.

D. **Year Books:** 380+ yearbooks have been ordered. They should be delivered by May and will be distributed during the last week of school. Supplies are limited to purchase after.

E. **Teacher Appreciation Week (Jennifer Dingle):** Fun and Games theme, 1st week of May. Info/signups will be going home next week. Planning a breakfast, lunch, candy bar and gift cards. Chalk the walk on Sunday May 1st. Volunteers will be needed. Karice is planning to decorate the staff room

F. **Casey Cares PJ’s**: Last day for donations is April 8th.

**VIII. Redistricting Committee (Brandi Blevins):**

1. More comprehensive move
2. Moving Freedom to Eldersburg will impact middle and high schools
3. There are 4-5 options they are looking into with least invasive to most invasive.
4. Many factors: 140 kids to redistribute, keeping bus routes under 1-hour, breaking communities, and moving to another high school.
5. Data has been shifted post covid
6. Some developments do not yet have permits
7. Hobey Wolfe development has biggest impact, 4 years to build all 100 new homes.
8. Update to BOE in May
9. Vote to happen in early fall
10. Effected school year 2023/2024
11. BOE will decide if 3-5th, 8th and 12th grades will be able to stay at their current school.

**VIV. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm**

**Minutes submitted by Karice Parada**