***Freedom Elementary School PTA***

***Meeting Minutes, June 3, 2021***

1. **Call to Order**

Virtual meeting due to COVID-19. Brandi Blevins, President, calls to order the virtual meeting of the Freedom PTA at 6:35 p.m. on June 3, 2021.

**Attendance**

The following individuals are present at the meeting: *Jessica Smith, Kara Copley, Brandi Blevins, Becky Kaufman, Louis Rolfes, Melissa McGuinness, Justine Sillers, Jen Meyer, Rachel Andress, Sarah Bucior, Liz Rosenberg, Ashley Weber, Karice Parada, Karen Barnes, Sandi Miller, Lori Coon, Tami Goldstein, Kathleen Marasco, Kelly Waterman, Stephanie Otterson, Joyce Barnes, Shen Maldonado, Brianna Buppert.*

1. **Approval of Minutes from last meeting**

Motion to approve minutes. Motion carried.

1. **Old Business Review**
2. Rummage Sale: We raised over $4,000. Comments: If do this in future, we need more organization regarding drop off, pick up. Maybe sell tables for local vendors, add a food truck, volunteers for selling unsold items on Marketplace. Justine noted that leftover clothes and books went to those in need. Melissa noted that she was able to sell two leftover chairs on Marketplace for $30 which will go to playground fund. Maybe turn it into a Fall Craft Fair next year?
3. Bandingo #2: It was fun, but it didn’t earn as much as we had hoped. (Made $1,400). Perhaps it was too close to the last one.
4. Spirit Nights: Chick-fil-A $130, Vocelli $207, Rita’s $240, Mr. Jack’s $75, Bupperts for May $unknown, Merritt 10 for 10 $0, Auction at Statosphere (food and drinks) $834. Another Chick-fil-A is tonight. Burger King will be on 6/19. Have Hoffy at the school that day wearing a burger king crown?
5. Softball Food Trucks: Money raised is unknown at this time. (Kona Ice) We will know total at end of season.
6. Playground Timeline:
7. 4/22/21: Bid announcement
8. 4/30/21: Interested firms invited to school
9. 5/27/21: Proposals due

6/8/21: Proposal evaluations (we have 6 proposals) Principal noted that ADA Compliance is considered in each proposal

1. 6/22/21: Presentations, award
2. 7/14/21: Board approval
3. **Treasurer’s Report: Louis Rolfes**
4. $123,228 in bank at this time
5. Breakdown estimates from playground fundraising:
6. Bricks $15.5k
7. GoFundme $32k
8. Donations/sponsorships $40k
9. Rummage sale $4k
10. Penny Wars $10.5k
11. Auction $8k
12. Spirit days/Spirit wear $1k
13. Bingo $2k
14. Carryover from last year $10k
15. Pending funds: Fun Run, Grant ($25k), Stratosphere, Principals’ Discretionary Fund ($3,485)
16. Fiscal year ends 6/31/21, any requests for reimbursement needs to be received by 6/25. Please deliver to PTA mailbox at the school.
17. **Principal Report: Update: Jessica Smith**
18. Meeting held today regarding class grouping for next school year
19. Thank you again for teacher appreciation events. Everyone loved it!
20. There will be a 5th grade promotion (see section VII)
21. Next week is spirit week, fun things planned for students
22. Open House and Back to School Night next year CAN be in person. Some say that a virtual option for Back to School night would be great. She will look into having that option.
23. **Teacher Report: Kelly Waterman**
24. Remainder of Fun Run shirts went home today and the rest will go home tomorrow
25. There are a few remaining shirts that will be given to those students who cannot afford one.
26. **Upcoming Events**
27. Fun Run 6/14
28. 2 adults per student are allowed
29. Schedule is set per grade (30 minutes each)
30. There will be the arch for students to run through/bracelets for each lap
31. We have enough volunteers
32. No Hoffy as it will be 90 degrees. Hoffy may be inside waving to students as they go out
33. Fifth Grade Picnic (6/11) We need parent volunteers if this can be held outside. If inside, only teachers will handle.
34. Fifth Grade Promotion (6/14, rain date 6/15)
35. Bozeman Foundation:
36. We are working on an anti-bullying program with them for next year.
37. Over the summer, plan to have a food distribution and outreach (school supplies). We will be asking volunteers to come and pack boxes at their Baltimore warehouse. May do at Freedom/ But it will be easier at their warehouse. Hopefully enough volunteers will want to travel. Students may earn service-learning hours. (Melissa will organize the forms for hours)
38. Freedom Floods Main Street (6/13, 9 am): go to the Sykesville business supporters wearing your Freedom spirit wear, and hand deliver handmade thank you cards for supporting our playground.
39. Classroom parents for next year: Karice Parada will organize, Rachel Andress and Liz Rosenberg are volunteering to help.
40. Student Directory: We will have access to the online directory again in the fall
41. **New Business**
42. Sunshine Kids Club is under new ownership (Brett Sickles) and would like to do a Back to School night to bring attention to his location. They have an aftercare program that can shuttle to/from Freedom.
43. PTA meetings next year: looking into a virtual option. This may get more participation
44. NexTrex Recycling Program for next year (Melissa): Our school will be competing against other schools in our region to collect as much plastic as possible (plastic bags, amazon bags, water case plastic, etc). Collection bins will be provided. The winning school or schools that collect over 500 lbs will receive a bench composed of recycled materials. Students will receive magnets. I will be asking for a volunteer to help empty bins, weigh the plastic, and drop off at collection center.
45. **Hot Spots (Danni)**
46. Open enrollment is going on now for next school year
47. Camp Hot Spots (White Marsh) is happening again this summer, with free transportation from Freedom parking lot. There will be themes each week and prices for the camps will be posted.

**This is the last meeting for the 2020/2021 school year.**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm by PTA President Brandi Blevins. Minutes submitted by Melissa McGuinness.