

Meeting called to order @ 4:21pm by Beth Pinckney.

ATTENDEES:

Beth Pinckney and Jenn Warcola

Beth made a motion to approve the minutes from last month that included Chip's email from 1/15/21 for the principal report. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS

PROTOTYPE CLASSROOM:

Chip emailed an update on the prototype classroom. Please see this under the Principal Report.

GENERAL MEETING:

Waiting on Date.

DEPARTMENT WISHLISTS:

No new updates. Waiting on confirmation from the Social Studies department before moving forward with order.

TREASURER:

Balance in the checkbook is \$8,541.81 as of 1/31/2021.

Beth made a deposit of \$307 on 2/4/21 which included another membership and Duke Foundation checks.

MEMBERSHIP: Currently at 96 members.

Beth emailed for approval to promote PTO memberships, the iKnight 5K, and to sell the Pura Vida bracelets at home football games.

FUNDRAISING:

iKnight Technology Drive continues throughout this year.

iKnight 5K:

We had a google meet call on 1/28/21 at 4pm. In attendance was Beth Pinckney, Jenn Warcola, Elizabeth Dedmon and Cameron Beddingfield from Racing Toes. Discussed the option of doing a fully virtual race this year versus in-person versus a mixture of both. The consensus was to do a full virtual race. If we do the full virtual race, the fee for using Racing Toes is only \$200. Trying to figure out dates to run the registration. Cameron has a company we can use to do t-shirts. They require a 150 minimum order that includes 3 colors on front and 1 color on back. No additional fees for set up design. Discussed having a Knight on the front wearing a face mask on a blue shirt with NLHS 2021 on it. Waiting on price for the shirt which will depend on the fabric. Registration can be all online, with a possible option for participants to print out and mail in. For the packets for the participants, we need to consider charging a shipping fee for those that could not come and

pick up if we have a drive through pickup day. Looking for ideas for the “swag bag” to send to the participants. T-shirt, silicone bracelet, coupons from local businesses? Please send ideas. Beth will be following up with Cameron regarding timing for the registration and t-shirt orders.

Wrestling Tournament Fundraiser:

No update.

Spirit Nights:

No dates are set up currently.

HOSPITALITY:

Hot Chocolate Dessert buffet will be on February 12th. Beth will send out a sign up genius soon.

PRINCIPAL REPORT:

As for the prototype classrooms:

Update from Chip: 3 rooms have been outfitted. One room is reporting great results, but the other two have experienced sound issues with the TVs we purchased. The sound becomes very distorted when the volume is turned up to 25 or higher (needed to hear in the room). The vendor will not replace them or service them stating they are outside the window. We will purchase speakers for these TVs from technology funds, but will obviously not deal with this vendor nor purchase this product again. I have consulted with local vendor, Trox, who keeps inventory in stock and will stand by its products. The prices are in line with the online vendor we used, so I am hopeful we can secure a good product at a fair price.

I have a demonstration meeting set up with a representative from Trox and one of their suppliers. I will be reviewing their full line of conventional products, as well as a new product where you can write directly on the LED screen over the top of the display. This would be a GREAT classroom tool. I fear the cost of this new technology will be high, but it is certainly worth considering. I will have an update for you at the next meeting on the Trox products, including this new technology.

On a positive note, the SplashTop technology appears to be working well and is doing what we need it to do (allow the teacher to remotely display his/her screen and interact with the screen).

Until then, we will solve the sound issue for the two current TVs and have the teachers continue to evaluate the effectiveness of the set up.

Thank you for your support!

SIT REP:

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Teacher Of The Year Award: The school is working on identifying this year's Teacher Of The Year! The PTO has given the TOTY \$200 the past two years.

Next meeting is scheduled for **March 4th at 4PM** via Google Meet. Meeting adjourned at 5:12 pm by Beth.