

# ROYAL PRIDE PTO MEETING

## FRIDAY, October 7, 2022

### **ATTENDEES:**

Charron Wright  
Becky Gerig  
Rachael Barry

Rachel Anderson  
Mr. Simmons  
Kristin Corbitt

The meeting was called to order at 9:11am.

Charron Wright motioned to approve September meeting minutes. Becky Gerig second.

Charron let Mr. Simmons know that the PTO bought and delivered the PSAT snacks yesterday and inquired if PTO should plan on this being a budget item every year. Cost was \$826.70. She inquired about SAGE awards and if gift cards (\$25 x 2) will be needed every month and year in order to add on to the budget for the following year.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Rachel Anderson-

\$104, 619.22 year to date concessions income.

Checking account has \$14, 698.98 and savings has \$102,808.23. Income is made by concessions, school planners, community rewards (Kroger and Amazon Smile) and direct donations.

Library/Media Center-Amy Mudd requested a book holder and Demco replacement for \$1,000.99. Have not received invoice yet.

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

Mr. Simmons-

Homecoming was a great game and dance. Everything went well. Parking was a little tight due to basketball games going on for some part of the dance. Student council wanted to decorate, but really couldn't due to the type of building.

Staff meeting debrief-

All teachers were seated by their birth month to encourage meeting more staff. Discussed school improvement plan specifically the achievement gap. Plans for students that do not pass the SAT including encouraging academic honors degree. Guidance Counselors are tasked with encouraging students to take the most appropriate classes for each student. Very large enrollment with only limited counselors is a barrier.

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Visited Akron (part of the Ford Next Generation) last week. These students are placed on a team and remain together and there is a Freshman seminar in order to learn about organizational and study skills. Now discussing what they have learned with FHI principal. There was a meeting with the next gen grant with schools in Indiana. United Way representative was there who works with the Akron schools. Corporations are chosen as partners when they are invested in the student's future and not just employment opportunities and they have to give back to the community. Leveraging business partner and university opportunities.

Encouraging our Aspire program for students that may need extra encouragement to take and be successful in honors/AP classes.

97% graduation rate, looking at indicators on PSAT for how successful these students may be in post-secondary programs and if remediation is needed. Focusing on collaborative culture and collective responsibility.

Discussing Meet the Teacher night for the future. Charron gave her feedback that open house vs meet the teacher name can be confusing. It is difficult to make it work when you have several students in the school. Becky liked the virtual format from years during covid. Discussed an open house option, a come and go event. Kristin suggested a virtual option and an open house option.

Charron asked Mr. Simmons to explain the 2022 College Readiness Scoreboard presented by Dr. Kegley. He explained what "needs remediation" means and it means college level assistance for preparedness. 96% of HSE students do not need remediation. 62% of HSE students graduate college within 4 years.

PSAT Wednesday. Students that are not taking PSAT and are staying at school will have supervised study spaces.

Student Council approached him about a winter dance. Considering Jan 27<sup>th</sup> after the boy's home basketball game against Noblesville, making it casual. Rachel offered to open the concession stand for them.

### **REQUISITIONS:**

There have been no requisitions turned in this month.

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### CONCESSIONS:

Rachael Barry-

She would like to gift something for Coach Golden and the cross-country team because they have let her use their gater since the PTO gater has not been working.

Nobel Lee is head of Best Buddies. She emailed Rachael about Oct 13<sup>th</sup> Halloween night using our popcorn machine. Will need to have a staff sponsor present. PTO is willing to provide the popcorn, salt and oil.

Asking for a bonus in salary due to her having to now purchase drinks from large box stores vs having Coke deliver due to significant price breaks, but she is now having to shop more, use more gas, and increased physical labor to bring the drinks from store into concession stand. Becky motioned and Charron second. Unanimous vote in favor.

Requesting \$1000 gift for Meagan Barry because she coordinates concessions in new football every home game. Charron motioned and Becky second. Unanimous vote in favor.

Men's volleyball is working the last home football game. Men's cross country will work if sectionals are home.

### PLANNERS:

Charron and Becky went to Julie Alano's software development class to discuss partnership between digital planners and funding to class for development. The class will work on updated their current app and send us a proposal to help fund it. PTO was very impressed with this class and what they have already started and excited to move forward with this partnership.

Charron to plan on not renewing contract with planner company. PTO will no longer provide a paper planner and will pursue partnering with Mrs. Alano's software development class to continue developing a digital planner.

### STAFF APPRECIATION:

Becky Gerig-

Popcorn, drinks, and candy were provided on e-learning day on Sept 30. Oktoberfest pretzels delivered Oct 7. Nov 11 eLearning popcorn.

**BEAUTIFICATION:** Chairs not present.

### NEW BUSINESS:

See 9/20/22 SAC notes from Charron attached.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am.