

Royal Pride Meeting Minutes

Friday August 21, 2020

Attendees:

Charron Wright
Rachael Barry
Kristin Corbitt
Janie Ulmer

Jagga Rent
Denise Retzner
Kari Kittleson
Becky Gerig

The meeting was called to order at 9am. Everyone introduced themselves to Ms. Ulmer, the new HSE Principal this year.

Kari motioned to approve the March 2020 meeting minutes. Charron seconded the motion. Schools were closed in April and May due to COVID-19, so no PTO meetings took place during those months.

New officers were approved for this year. Kristin motioned to approve and Denise seconded the appointment of the following officers:

- Charron Wright - President
- Kristin Corbitt - Treasurer
- Melissa Schulman - Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Kristin went over the proposed 2020-2021 budget. We expect to bring in far less money this year in concessions and donations made to the PTO. Some budget line items remained the same from last year, but others were cut since we anticipate bringing in much less money this year. We did not budget any money for Staff Development this year because we gave Mr. Cripe \$3,700 in February and are under the assumption that the \$3,700 was unused due to the closure of schools in March. Ms. Ulmer will check to make sure the \$3,700 for Staff Development is still in HSE's account. The \$13 in bank fees we have been charged should go away. The \$168 in office expenses is for our PO Box. Kristin needs to double-check the Profit and Loss Standard report because some student planner money was inadvertently recorded as concessions income. She will correct the report. Charron motioned to approve the 2020-2021 Royal Pride PTO Budget. Becky seconded the motion.

Principal's Report

Ms. Ulmer expressed her gratitude for how great the outside of the building looks. Denise Retzner and the Beautification Committee have pulled weeds at the front entrance, athletic entrance, CCA entrance, and in the parking lot islands. Ms. Ulmer talked about supporting teachers during these tough times. The Admin team is making sure teachers are practicing self care. They had a food truck at school for lunch yesterday. Plans have been approved for some students to have classes in the building. There are some classes that cannot move forward without being in class, in the building. She mentioned welding, engineering and design classes, the CNA program, our ENL students, our exceptional learners, and some high level science classes that need time in the labs. Virtual learning has been going well. We have a 97% attendance rate, which is great!

Ms. Ulmer spoke briefly about the Redirection Center at HSE. She stated that during her time at the Academy, she learned that there is always a why behind the behavior. We need to use discipline not to punish, but rather to teach. Ms. Ulmer also talked about the importance of collaboration and teamwork. She commended her team for working during the summer when they didn't have to, to help her in her new role as Principal. Some office spaces have been reconfigured. The three Deans are all together in the same area. Ms. Pickell remains in the CCA. Mrs. Herndon and Mr. May are also in the same area to better serve students.

“Zoom Bombing” was not done by our students. Some changes have been made to ensure this doesn't happen again. There is now a waiting room on Zoom and teachers have to admit students one at a time, rather than all at once. Ms. Ulmer also talked about an Instagram page called “Zoom at HSE.” This page has been reported and she wants it taken down. It is showing inappropriate things that happen on Zoom and is showing students' faces, which is a violation of their privacy.

Concessions

Concessions is going well. Teams are staffing the games they need to and everyone is doing what they are supposed to be doing with regard to wearing gloves and masks. Racheal and Kristin are still working with Coke to make sure we are refunded for product that was returned in March. We decided to make our own boxed lunches for officials. They need to be delivered at 9pm, which is too late for Chick-Fil-A to deliver, so we will make our own boxed lunch that will include a Chick-Fil-A sandwich, chips, and a drink. We can get the officials' sandwiches when we get ours for concessions and we can keep them warm. We will put the lunches together in bags for the officials and will bill Athletics for them.

Planners

Charron and Rachael have been selling planners from their homes and trunks of their cars since in-person Registration was cancelled. Sales are definitely down this year.

Staff Appreciation

A “Welcome Back Breakfast” was provided from the staff on Wednesday August 5th. Rachael Barry will pop popcorn for the staff in September. No other plans have been made at this time. Kari needs to talk to Ms. Ulmer about PLC snacks. Staff Appreciation has a smaller budget to work with this year.

Staff Support

Nothing to report.

SAC Report

No SAC meetings are scheduled yet. Nothing to report.

Beautification Committee

Denise Retzner talked about the beautification (pulling weeds) that the committee has done so far. Some moms have offered to purchase mums from Cheer and/or Baseball and donate them to the school to put in planters.

Old Business

- All School Inflatable - the tunnel has been delivered, but the arch was lost by FedEx. The inflatable company is re-making the arch and they will have it to us ASAP.
- The Mock Trial and We the People requisitions, for \$1,000 each, that were approved for the 2019-2020 school year were never used. Those competitions were cancelled due to COVID-19.
- Academic Hallway of Fame - no new updates since March.

New Business

- All PTO forms have been updated on the website.
- Charron updated everyone on ORTAC's (Operation Right Time Advisory Committee) work. That committee, which Charron is part of, has met several times and is studying the issue of school start times. A presentation was made by a Dr. Honiker, a sleep researcher, and feedback has been solicited by neighboring districts that have changed school start times.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.