**Roberts PTO, General Meeting Agenda, May 15, 2020**

**Via Zoom**

**Call to Order** by Sonia Huse @ 10:05am

Sonia explained how our virtual meeting voting would work.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (March & April)**

Moved to approve by Vanessa Engel, 2nd by Lorie Jacobs, passed by no objections submitted via chat

**Vote to Approve 2020-21 Executive Committee and Budget**

Sonia read the slate of executive positions. Moved to approve by Aliya Walji, 2nd by Rose Nguyen, passed by no objections submitted via chat.

Sonia explained that with the unknowns for next year we pared down our budget. And that we have the option of amending it during the year via our bylaws.

? what about the funds from school supply sales and book fair.

Sonia – amounts are small and go to general fund, not a dedicated project.

Dina – money is accounted for by when it is received. Book fair money will show in this fiscal year’s accounting and school supply in next year’s.

Moved to approve by Jenifer Jackson-Schlaich, 2nd by Ashley Irwin, passed by no objections submitted via chat.

**Principal & School Report -** Trealla Epps

Summer school dates are set for June 8th – July 1st. It will be virtual. K-2nd will have 2 hours of (nonconsecutive) online time, 3rd – 5th will have 3 per day, Monday – Thursday.

There is a priority list of who attends. 1st are the at-risk students (ie those who are not meeting promotion standards), 2nd are students who’ve been recommended by their teachers to attend. 3rd are the by parent request.

Summer school is HISD driven, Roberts will not have autonomy over applications or content. There will be a ratio of 25 students per teacher.

Without STARR and such this year, the only promotion standards are grades and attendance. Admin will contact families if their children need to attend summer school.

Ms. Epps will send out a detailed email on summer school.

Parents have asked about summer access to SeeSaw and Google classroom. As a school, Roberts owns their SeeSaw subscription and will keep it available through July. Google classroom is owned by the district. She thinks it will be available during the summer but cannot say for certain. The district has committed to providing more digital and paper resources for this summer. More info coming.

Final report cards will be sent out on May 29th. Also able to access grades on Parent Student Connect. Reminder that grades for the last grading period can only help the student, not lower their average.

? What about IXL

IXL is provided by the district. It is supposed to continue through the summer.

Lots of vendors are offering free access through the summer. We don’t know about the fall.

Picking up belongings:

Items from lockers and desks will be bagged up by teachers and staff.

No one else will enter the building.

Will do a car line drive along School St. Parents will stay in the car, with their trunk open, a school personnel will place your child’s bag in the trunk.

If you have library or teacher books to return, you can have them in a labeled bag in your trunk at the same time.

May 26th will be K, 1st, 2nd grades starting at 8:30am

May 27th will be 3rd & 4th grades starting at 8:30am

5th grade will have their info coming soon.

There will be an open time on May 27th 12:30-1:30p – this is ideal for families with children in multiple grades. May add an additional open time.

This next week’s meetings may be altered in some classes so their teachers can get the belongings packed.

There will be some teachers who cannot attend the belonging pick up due to their own personal safety considerations.

This will all be detailed in an upcoming email.

? TEA testing available to see if kids staying on track.

Yes, parents will have access. Ms Epps will send out the info.

Ms Epps thanked the PTO for the support especially during this stressful time.

**Standing Committee Report**

Book Fair - Vanessa Engel

We’ll have an online book fair with Barnes & Noble. Can order with a code (coming in next Front Page) May 21-26. On the 26th there will be a video by the piano and violin students.

Working on getting Name that Book and middle school summer reading lists.

Also, please consider ordering a meal from one of the restaurants who’ve supported up this school year.

**HISD Liaison Update** - Jenny Beech

No one knows anything yet.

Current understanding is that curriculum will stay campus specific and not be centralized.

If you’re considering home schooling next year, please still register at Roberts to keep up numbers for funding.

Board voted on trying to become a District of Innovation. This designation allows a district to alter start times, calendar, and gives some leeway on teacher accreditation. This is in regards to vocational training more than anything else.

$80-100 million going back into the Rainy Day Fund.

Jenny will check her pto email throughout the summer so feel free to write her with questions.

Sonia reminds that there are two more weeks of Front Page coming. Please check as part of staying current on info. And Thank You to Deepa Kamath for managing the Front Page.

Thank you flowers presented to Sonia for serving as out PTO president this school year.

**Meeting Adjourned** by Sonia 10:48am.