Norridge District 80 PTA – Meeting Minutes January 10, 2023

**Agenda -** Call meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Principal’s Report by Mr. Biedke for Giles**

- January Assessment Schedule: 5th graders are doing CBM fluency assessments, 5th-8th are also taking the i-ready reading diagnostic tests as well as ixl math diagnostic testing. MAP testing will take place towards the end of the month. This data is used in the school improvement plan and RHS uses it to determine the current 8th graders freshman schedules.

- RHS cyber security program is beginning this month.

- Girls basketball try outs are on Monday 1/30 and Tuesday 1/31 from 315-5 PM. The fee must be paid and girls must have a physical on file.

- Scholastic Bowl will also be taking place. Schedules are posted on the D80 website.

- Giles School has new security gates installed. The gates will be locked. The only gate that will be open is the one by entrance #2 by Cullom Ave.

- Student IDs will be coming home this week. On the back, there is national suicide prevention information due to state law. Students should wear badges while in school except during PE, Recess or if a teacher asks them to remove it. They SHOULD wear it during lunch. If a student is attending an extracurricular event or dance, they MUST have their ID with them or they will not be allowed into the event.

- Two dances are scheduled in January: 1/20 for 5th and 6th from 6-8 PM and 1/27 for 7th and 8th grade from 6-8 PM. If a student chooses to go to the dance, they must stay the whole time. If they want to leave early, a parent must pick them up and check them out.

**Principal’s Report by Dr. Rabiola for Leigh**

- Middle of the year assessments are taking place, MAP in 2-5th and Fast Bridge CBMR

- January 20th assembly with Matt Wilhelm BMXer

- There are new gates on the North and South entrances and will be locked during the school day.

- All grades are meeting to discuss school wide expectations and what it looks like to be safe, responsible and respectful in different areas of the school.

- Leigh is looking for a parent to serve on the PBIS Community Grant project. Typically it is a monthly meeting on the first Thursday of every month from around 2:30-4:00 PM. Please let Dr. Rabiola know if you are interested.

- Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

2/2 – Talent Show at 5:45 PM

3/23 - Second grade reading night

4/13 – First grade reading night

4/27 – Third and Fourth grade fine arts night

5/2 – America Night (3rd/4th)

5/4 – First and Second Fine Arts night

5/18 – Kindergarten Round Up

6/6 – Preschool Celebration

**Last month’s minutes were approved by Natalia Zanayad.**

**Treasurer Report by Jennifer Adams**

As of 11/30, the balance in the account was $37,476.69. Jen passed bank statement and quickbooks summary to be signed and approved by the members.

**School Support:**

Dr. Rabiola shared that he would like to see some type of Maker Space/STEAM space at Leigh. The idea of new uniforms for teams at Giles also came up.

**Committees:**

**Room Parents**

**-** Nicole shared the idea of possibly doing a dinner night and dividing the money among each classroom/room parent.

**Book Fair**

- March 9-17th during conference weeks. Amanda will update us next month.

- We will host another potluck dinner for teachers on March 9th.

**Winter Dance (instead of Fall)**

5th/6th will be on January 20th and 7th/8th will be on January 27th.  The DJ is booked for these events. Last year we charged $5 which included one slice of pizza and a drink. Students could buy extra food/drinks as well. Please reach out if you are interested in running this event.

**Parent’s Night Out**

March Madness Event at Shoeless Joe’s - March 19th is the date we are thinking about.

**Daddy Daughter Dance -** April 21st. Preschool through 5th grade will be invited.

**Mother Son Dodgeball –** Friday, March 10th 6-8 PM

**Boosterthon** - This will be in May sometime, possibly May 25th**.** Natalia will give an update next time.

**Teacher Appreciation** - May 8-12.

**Field Day -** Leigh is June 2nd with a rain date on June 6th. Field Day at Giles would ideally be May 31st.

**School Supply Kits:** Nicole Gray will look into the different options.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.**