

PTA Meeting Minutes 04.04.24

Attendees:

Members: Meghan Eddy/President, Jessica Furlong/VicePresident, Renee Maxwell/Co-VicePresident, Sofía Chang/Secretary, Janelle Nelson-Gardner/Principal, Laura Frappaolo/Teacher Rep., Amanda Bakulski, Natalie Mayer.

1. Approval of minutes March 07/2024 - approved with no opposition

2. Principal Report, Janelle Nelson-Gardner

- 5th graders participated in KidWind (competition at CSU building small scale wind turbines)
- Two Mitchell students participated in the Equity and Excellence art show at the Education Center.
- Elementary art show at Red Rocks Community College is 04/05/2024.
- Week without hate is at the end of April.

3. Teacher Report, Laura Frappaolo

- Health room is asking for wipes and tissues.

4. Financial Report, Allison Ridenour (unable to attend), Meghan reported

- Committee chairs should turn in their expenses for the next school year before the next meeting in May where preliminary 2024 budget will be voted.
- There are high yield savings accounts we could look into to put PTA funds in the summer, or a portion of it that sits year round (Renee).

5. Committees/Programs Reports

Sustainability: Ali S.

- Highlight what school/our community is doing on this.
- Next year: Apply to the State turf replacement program. This could be done in the parking lot area (ex. to plant native grasses).
- Mines Green Team might help on some events like Earth day.
- Grant from the Golden Sustainability Council will help to install three-four water refill stations.
- Plastic film collection. Meghan will send a guide. Announce it during Earth day week (Meghan)

Hospitality: Rebecca/Laureen (unable to attend)

- Preparation for teacher's appreciation week is okay.

EDI: Mandy

- Parent & Caregiver Education Night. Theme: bias, great speaker, Only 10 people participated. Put it back on the January calendar.

- Better Together: W. April 24th-5-7pm. Include info in Directory mail together with WOW info. Room night on the Wednesday before/work on a poster with Mr. Kramer. Silent disco donations needed:\$5 per headset. Ice cream vendor who works with people with disabilities might come (ideal 100-150 people)/evaluate adding talent show to this event.

Garden - Alexa (unable to attend)

- Earth day April 22nd (5-7pm celebration). Create art using reusable materials/Earth shaped stones/et through the garden-scamper hunt/seed swap/learn about our cold frames, etc

Fundraising - Monica - Cassi (unable to attend) No news.

Communications - Natalie

- Improve planning for next year. Consider moving April events other than WOW.

SAC (formerly MCAT) – Emily (unable to attend) No news/next meeting: April 16th.

6. Old Business

Western on Washington - Renee

- A volunteer is needed to be a saloon host.
- Silent auction for viewing only will be released tomorrow.
- Tickets sold: 150 approx./+30 volunteers+ 20 staff and teachers.

Spirit Wear - Jenn/Mackenzie (unable to attend) No news.

Sponsorship Welchester Elementary 5K

- Mrs NG has invited the Mitchell community to participate in the run. PTA will encourage participation too/might evaluate a donation.

7. New Business

Science Fair - Meghan (Meghan)

- Lindsay and Josh Schaidle are running it this year. New date: May 15- 5-7:30pm

Wait Until 8th/ Speaking event (Meghan)

- Considering a talk about the right age for having a smartphone/social media.
- Expert: Brooke Shannon (parenting in a digital age)

Adjourned at 7:00pm.-

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 2nd, 6-7pm - Mitchell Cafeteria