

PTA Meeting Minutes 01.26.23

Attendees:

PTA Members: Matt Hills/President, Rebecca Geswein/Treasurer, Sofia Chang/Secretary, Janelle Nelson-Gardner/Principal, Laura Frappaolo/Teacher Rep, Mandy Bakulski/EDI Com., Jessica Gorman/Hospitality, Monica Groh/Fundraising, Alexa Metrick/Garden, Jennifer Ebetino, Emily Tuleja, Jessica Furlong

Non PTA members: Mandy Liao, Rachel Barton, Karla Zimski

1. Approval of minutes from Dec .06th/2022 - approved with no opposition
2. Principal Report, Janelle Nelson - Gardner
 - Excel funds are being used to attend field trips
 - Spelling Bee. After doing a Mitchell Bee, two students will represent the school at the State Level.
 - New concrete path/Front door redesign (Spring -date TBD)
 - Mustang huts are great
 - Meeting to discuss budget Monday Jan. 30st
3. Teacher Report - Laura Frappaolo
 - Teachers thanks for the lounge stuff. It will be reloaded again after Spring break, suggestions are welcome (Matt)
 - Thanks for the Mimio boards.
 - Excel funds: used for halloween and field trips
 - Matt: Get a separate wish list for AMP/library or include stuff in the wishlist of each classroom?/PTA advertise in Friday notes quarterly.
4. Financial Report - Rebecca Geswein
 - \$36.800 cash balance
 - \$22.000 expenditures this year (normal)
 - \$6.000 Conference tables/chairs
 - \$500 vacuums per grade level
 - \$3.000 spirit wear
 - \$4.200 dep. For Western on Washington to Buffalo Rose
 - The Amazon Smiles Program will be now one time payment-about \$80 next quarter.
 - \$150 donation from a grandparent. Children asked for this as a Christmas present.
 - Matt: We try to ask for one or two items on Western Washington. Ideas: Shade Structure? (by the picnic tables/playground would be ideal-something integrated to the ground-Janelle). Other ideas: playground equipment, garden stuff (Jenn.)
 - Janelle: Mimio boards: 8 so far. Radios are pending
 - Matt: landscaping might be discussed in Spring time.

5. Committee/Program Reports

- Hospitality (Jessica Gorman)
 - Back to school teachers. Stuff was donated so the budget was not used.
 - Coming: Teachers appreciation, and Spring Conferences.

- EDI (Equity/Diversity/Inclusion) (Mandy Bakulski)
 - Parent/Adult Education Night. 31st Jan. Speaker: Rachel Sharp/Invoice is required (Rebecca)
 - 50 people might attend in person
 - 25 aprox via Zoom

- Past Events:
 - Health room got the winter clothing (through sign up-donations).
 - Spirit wear-get rid of what we have. People is asking for sweatshirts-long sleeve version (Jenn E. is coordinating this)

6. Old Business

- Nomination Committee for 2023/24 (Jessica Furlong, Rebecca and Allison Ridenour).
 - Not news on this. After speaking with about 50 parents, people are not interested in the president position so far. Most of them feel intimidated. Ideas: Co-chair. Ask for projects people would like to impulse so run them. According to Bylaws elections should be on March 16th. One month before candidates are needed.

- Reflexions: (Angela Wolf)
 - There is an obligation to meet on the tax side. The tax form 990 has not been found on the IRS website, so students cannot participate in the next level. This is a mistake because that tax form was filed last November, and there is proof of that.

- Garden: (Alexa Metrick)
 - School of Mines students are working on a “GreenHouse” project. Cold frames for half of the boxes and drip system might be required.
 - Mines students are also helping on ELF curriculum upgrade (the current is old and east coast based).
 - Budget will be estimated for drip system/labor-cold frames.
 - Matt: Regular Garden budget from PTA budget:\$300. It might increase.
 - Sat. April 22nd: Earth Day event: 2-4pm

- Fundraising (Monica Groh)
 - Sponsors program: \$9.200 so far (goal: \$10.000).
 - Always accepting new sponsors.

- More material will come in Friday folders and social media: engage/recognize sponsors.
 - Mustang month: February. Mitchell Community will get to know sponsors.
 - Always looking for help: helping market, graphic design
- Cannonball Fundraiser (Feb. 2nd)
 - Donation: % of sales. Also Foodtruck donation.
 - Raffle: Yo-Co Paddle board, Pangea, Acupuncture treatment, 8 tickets Miners Alley, Golden tutoring, tshirts/huts , etc.
 - Separated to this Matt-Jenn: idea Teacher happy hour/teacher appreciation.
 - Tickets of Western of Washington will go on sale that night.
- Talent Show: (Bobby Augst and Matt working on this).
 - Date TBD March 9?
- Science Fair: (Rachel Barton).
 - Date TBD March 7th? Ideal to push it later.
 - Kids are required to sign up early (5-6 weeks in advance). Science and social studies are the subjects.
 - Budget: \$500. Donations are gotten (Pizza).
- Other:
 - Cupcake sale/Feb. 9th deadline. Help is required for delivery.
 - Western of Washington: April 21st.

Next meeting: February 23th, 3:15 pm at Mitchell Library .