

PTA Meeting Minutes 02.01.23

Attendees:

Members: Renee Maxwell/Co-VicePresident, Allison Ridenour/Treasurer, Janelle Nelson-Gardner/Principal, Laura Frappaolo/Teacher Rep., Alexa Metrick, Alison Schwabe, Jennifer Ebetino, Jessica Banta, Lauren Ake, Mackenzie Lovestrand, Marilyn Allen, Matt Hills, Natalie Mayer, Nichole Fitzgerald, Sarah Barkey, Mandy Bakulski.

1. Approval of minutes December 7th/2023 - approved with no opposition

2. Principal Report, Janelle Nelson-Gardner

- Spelling Bee was on Monday. Top two spellers are going to the next level:Golden Mitchell is hosting this year.
- Teachers participated in a "learning lab" this week. Identifying something they want to take a look at in someone's classroom. Then they'll research to plan around the topic in their own classroom.
- Fifth grade musical was last week. Successful!
- Leadership Golden was last week. Mrs NG spoke with the Golden area principals as part of a panel on the leadership role.
- American Heart Association fundraiser and learning has kicked off.
- Grant from the City of Golden and thriving communities was received. \$50.000 for outdoor eating area. Next steps phase 2: picnic tables, and phase 3: shade (part of it).

3. Teacher Report, Laura Frappaolo

- Field trips are using PTA Excel funds.
- Teachers are preparing for the next parent-teacher conferences (middle of Feb)

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

- \$7.000 budgeted from business members. To date \$8.000 has been received. Plus another \$1.000 (not accounted yet).
- Great job done on sponsorship so far.
- Excel funds approved by Mrs NG: 5th-Boondocks, 2nd and Kinder -Frog and Toad Play at Arvada Center

5. Committees/Programs Reports

Hospitality: Rebecca/Laureen

- Back to school bag lunch was done
- Next event: parent-teacher conferences

EDI: Mandy

- Parent Education Night will be in early April. Speaker: Katie Bradford (part of the Colorado diversity network and Denver Academy).
- Better together: trying to match this with *A week without hate* (April 23rd, 24th?). Goal: kids express themselves (Not just a board poster, maybe a video, etc). Silent disco. Christmas requests for recipes got a couple of submissions/continue spreading this to get more.

Garden - Alexa

- Garden is getting ready to reopen. A School of Mines student who worked on the cold frames is now doing a new project with us: mini lessons for the garden aligned with the school's schedule/tailored for grade. This will be on Mondays and Wednesdays at recess. Volunteers opportunities: shopper (for materials/stuff for the lessons), people to get water out to the garden (before it is turned on at the end of April), families to adopt the garden one week at a time during Summer (to weed and water it).
- Earth day April 22nd (5-7pm celebration)

Fundraising - Monica - Cassi (unable to attend)

- No updates other than what was said in the financial report.

Communications - Jen, Natalie

- How to reach non-Mitchell people?

SAC (formerly MCAT) – School Accountability Committee. Emily (unable to attend)

- No updates

6. Old Business**Spirit Wear - Jen/Mackenzie**

- 41 sweatshirts were sold. Still 30ish available. Cost was already covered.

MLK Week of Giving- Courtney J. (unable to attend)

- No updates

Cannonball Creek Fundraiser - Renee

- Date: Feb. 22nd (5-9pm). 10% goes to the PTA. Have printed QR codes for direct donations.
- No raffle this year. One food truck (might be more).

Talent Show/Open Mic Night - Matt

- Show: March 14th 5pm. Rehearsal/Audition: March 13th
- Feb. 15th it is the information coming in the Friday Note.

Western on Washington - Renee

- Keep pushing tickets to family and friends.

- April 19th. Buffalo Rose plus 4 stops. Concert. Silent auction.
- There are volunteering opportunities.
- 34 tickets sold so far.

7. New Business

Cupcake Fundraiser - Mackenzie

- Orders so far:
 - For teachers 19- 2 pack, 3 dozens.
 - For individuals 41-2 pack, 3 dozens
- \$3 every 2 pack. \$8 dozen

Sustainability Initiatives - Sarah B.& Ali S.

- Ideas for birthdays celebration: suggest making more sustainable choices. Ex. Include this in the newsletter.
- How to enhance sustainability actions at Mitchell?
- Improve communication on what is done.
- Actions done at Mitchell: lighting improvements in the classrooms, city recycling project, air monitor, no compost is allowed, etc (Mrs NG)
- ELF team is working to include some climate topics next year.

Other

- Topic for next meeting: Welchester Elementary: 5K April 27th. Mitchell might sponsor this (Mrs. NG).

Adjourned at 7:07pm-

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 7th, 6-7pm - Mitchell Cafeteria