

PTA Meeting Minutes 02.23.23

Attendees:

PTA Members: Matt Hills/President, Rebecca Geswein/Treasurer, Sofia Chang/Secretary, Janelle Nelson-Gardner/Principal, Laura Frappaolo/Teacher Rep, Emily Tuleja

Non PTA members: Jane Jones

1. Approval of minutes from Jan .26th/2023 - approved with no opposition
2. Principal Report, Janelle Nelson - Gardner
 - Good community and family connections resources: EDI event speaking about differences- well received for families/community. GT connection evening.
 - Library area offices were painted.
 - Field trips. This week: in house field trip for 4th graders Golden Colorado History Study.
 - Jane Jones: Are there plans for PTA contribution with the Continuation Celebration 5th graders?
 - Rebecca: PTA has \$600 in the budget.
 - Tracy Mackena will lead this year. Rebecca will talk to Tracy.
 - Matt: If it is needed we can vote to add more resources to the budget.
 - Previous years 4th host 5th. There is no rule.
 - Mrs. N-G: Ideas from previous years: cake+punch (parents usually provide this), sign gypsies (as a place to take pictures), balloon arch?. Ideally outside, but it depends on the weather.
 - Date: May 25th
 - Lounge tables and chairs acquisition was tried through the Jeffco purchase system but the purchase order of tables could not be completed. It has to go to another layer of approval, etc. PTA agreed on ordering the tables with additional resources. Mitchell will buy only the chairs (\$1.500), and keep the PTA money previously transferred for tables to assign this to the technology plan for next year. Do not order technology yet to get more updated stuff for next year. (See minutes 12/06/2022 \$750x6=\$4.500 assigned for tables). Mrs. N-G will send to Rebecca the bill of the chairs, and also the link of the company to get the tables.
 - Bus drivers' appreciation was celebrated.
3. Teacher Report - Laura Frappaolo
 - Teachers are thankful for the food they got during the conferences' nights. Great to have food instead of gift cards for both nights. First night's pizza was fine. Second Night Qdoba was sparse.
 - Matt: if it's preferred to cater. PTA could ask for donation/gift cards.
 - Jane idea: set venmo for PTA. Easy to gather money.
 - Teachers got cupcakes for Valentines. Matt: Next year consider gluten free options.

- Jacky and Laura will try to create a LAMP's Amazon wishlist to get accessories after a robotics training they went to. Jacky also will explore Scholastic resources for some of this too.

4. Financial Report - Rebecca Geswein

- \$44,500 expenditures.
- \$25,500 income
- King Soopers cards keep dropping. (\$2,400 down compared with last year). Same amount of households (about 120 households that donates). But we're getting a smaller part of the pie.
- Cupcakes: \$1,300 (compared with \$2,000 on budget)
- Other fundraisers. \$2,300 (Cannonball \$2,000)
- \$4,600 expenses Western of Washington so far.
- \$1,400 on Western of Washington ticket sales to date. (about 17-20 tickets)
- \$6,900 received from business members this year. Bought the banner for them (\$2,030).
- EDI events: \$500 speaker. \$150 printing. \$360 pizza.
- \$700 pizza and Qdoba for teachers' conferences.
- Matt: we're getting money earlier in the year from business members, different from past years when most of the income came for Western of Washington.
- Becca: budgeted \$25,000 income from W.of Washington
- Matt: Great raffle on Cannonball event. Gold Mines appreciated the cupcakes order.

5. Committee/Program Reports

- EDI (Equity/Diversity/Inclusion) (Mandy Bakulski absent but sent report by email)
 - Parent/Adult Education Night was a great success. 50 attendees in person, 12 on line. Got positive feedback. They did the presentation to Jeffco Schools Equity and Diversity Expo. 30-40 attendees. Mandy attended a presentation by a parent leader and students from Fairmont Elementary School. Kids showed great engagement. They have a JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion) club (45 kids meet every other week) which engages with other clubs. Ex. with Garden Club to work about food justice, etc.
 - Better Together Event: plan the same format as last year. Working on ideas to promote it. Volunteers are needed, reach out to Sam or Mandy.
 - Next meeting: March 6th.

6. Old Business

- Nomination Committee for 2023/24. Still looking for President and Vice President. Elections would be next meeting: March 14th.
- Cannonball reported in the financial report.

- Garden: (Alexa Metrick absent by send a report by email)
 - According to Alexa report sent to PTA board by email, different initiatives are in course:
 - School of Mines students will do isolation in the cold frames.
 - Earth Day Celebration in the School Garden, April 22,
 - Garden Keepers to take care of our garden during breaks,
 - Integrating the weather station into the kindergarten and third grade classrooms,
 - Get rid of the bus structure,
 - Replace wood mulch with crusher fines (small particles of hard rock quarry).
 - Needs for money: removal of wood chips and installation of crusher fines, chain and lock for back gate, new wheel for wheelbarrow, compost for raised beds
 - Any concerns from the school side about this? (Matt). No, Janelle is helping to take out the bus structure. It would be ideal to get more control with the garden stuff, but it's not easy, so they are willing to be flexible. Apparently there are no parents who oppose the bus removal(Emily).
- Fundraising (Monica absent)
 - Matt: advertising promises PTA has made to the business members is ongoing. Information is being sent in Friday folders. PTA can supplement resources (toner, paper, etc) for this.
- Spirit wear. No news.
- Talent Show: (Bobby Augst /Matt).
 - 25 kids signed up.
 - Event date: March 9th
 - Auditions: March 1st
 - Rehearsal: March 8th
 - Bobby is getting a person for a small opening/closing performance.
- Science Fair. No news. April 13th (after school).

7. New Business

- Western on Washington.
 - April 21st.
 - Tickets sales are open.

8. Other

- We need to change the April 18th PTA meeting due to MAP testing at the same time.

Next meeting: March 14th, 3:15 pm at Mitchell Library