

## **PTA Meeting Minutes 11.02.23**

### **Attendees:**

Members: Meghan Eddy/President, Allison Ridenour/ Treasurer, Sofia Chang/Secretary, Janelle Nelson-Gardner/Principal, Laura Frappaolo/Teacher Rep., Alexa Metrick, Emily Tuleja, Marilyn Allen, Natalie Mayer.

Non Members: Monica Groh, Cassi Shoeneman

### **1. Approval of minutes October 05th/2023 - approved with no opposition**

### **2. Principal Report, Janelle Nelson-Gardner**

- October was Dyslexia Awareness Month. Mitchell teachers have spent time learning and polishing their dyslexia skills.
- Great Halloween parade.
- Lot of children are not dressing appropriately on cold/snow days. Spread the word among neighbors/friends to have children wear boots, gloves and jackets when necessary.
- Mrs. Romig will be asked if the health room needs a restock of clothes.
- Excel funds used for field trips: 3rd graders went to Skate City. Funds will be used to go to the Butterfly Pavilion later.
- Phase one of Outdoor Eating Area in process with PTA and Central funds. Grading, concrete was laid, sprinkler pipe moved, stairs done. Not a low seating wall (little saving) to have more space for tables. There are four options for tables. Para-educators who are out with the kids at lunch time will be asked for input/feedback to decide the best table options.
- The application for the thriving communities grant from the City of Golden was completed this week for phase two and three-outdoor eating area project (tables, permanent shade), and technology (total \$70k). Tables cost about \$1.3-1.6k)

### **3. Teacher Report, Laura Frappaolo**

- Dinners at the two nights' parent-teacher conferences were perfect.

### **4. Financial Report, Allison Ridenour**

- The PTA has given to Mitchell \$26k (60% phase 1 Outdoor Eating Area Project). Savings from phase one might go to phase two. Emily: Let people know what's happening. It will help if we need to fundraise more. Meghan will take care of this (Sign).
- Teacher Appreciation: \$2.800 raised.
- Lots of spiritwear sold at the pumpkin festival.

## 5. Committees/Programs Reports

**Hospitality:** Rebecca was unable to attend (email sent)

- No other updates besides the dinners at conferences.

**EDI:** Mandy was unable to attend (email sent)

- Mandy email: Working on topic and speaker for January parent education night.
- Next EDI meeting: Nov. 28th 9-10am.

**Garden - Alexa:**

- Pumpkin festival: Oct 26 was a success.
- Raised: \$177 (for watering cans, gloves and tools for the kids)
- A School of Mines student is going to develop 10 min mini lessons for the Recess Garden Club, as part of her graduate studies.
- Nov-February, maybe once a month recess garden club.

**Fundraising - Monica - Cassi:**

- Cassi will take the new sponsors. Monica will take 2023 sponsors to renew.
- Goal: \$7k
- Make sure to have the banner/sponsor logos at our events. Alexa: having a checklist of things we must have at events (banner, spiritwear, etc).
- Need better communication: PTA sponsors not just advertisements.
- Last year Mustang month/Cannonball was a great event. Include this on the calendar this year!

**Communications - Jen was unable to attend (email sent) - Natalie**

- High School PTA is collecting donations to commemorate their 150th anniversary. Things will be sold on Dec 2nd at their Holiday Bazaar. (Mis Allen put in the Friday Note?).
- Be Golden needs support: volunteers and organizing food drives.
- Courney J. is reaching out to them for MLKweek of giving/Colorado gives day.
- Golden Schools Foundation next meeting: Nov 15th. Still looking for treasurer and secretary.
- Spiritwear sales at the pumpkin festival and 3rd grade play: \$300
- Natalie: Active PTA instagram account: Mitchell\_PTA\_Golden

**SAC (formerly MCAT) – School Accountability Committee. Emily.**

- Meeting: Nov 14th, 7:45. Discuss homework policies. Vote on the two propositions Nov. 7th (see Great Education Co for more info).

## 6. Old Business

- Parenting Safe Children. Sarah (unable to attend). 32 registrations for the workshop (goal:45). 18 subsidized for the PTA.
- PTA Volunteer Opportunities. Renee (unable to attend): List under edition to have accurate info on what we do, and what opportunities people have to participate/volunteer at.
- Mitchell PTA logo. Meghan. There were many printed options of logos. Assistants voted for their favorite three. The three most voted will be included in a Google Survey to decide the winner.
- Crossing Guard. Meghan. Mail from Golden Chief Joe Harvey was read: No resources available to support us on this issue.

## 7. New Business

- Reflections Program. Ask for people interested in running this program. Maybe Heather McBogg?
- Salesforce: Lauren will help the PTA to try this platform as a management tool. 10 free license for Non profits.

Adjourned at 7:03pm-

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

