

General PTO Meeting 2/17/22 - in-person/virtual

Called to Order: 6:07 pm

Present:

Board: Tara, Tiffany, Allison, Carrie

Members: 25 Total

- In person: Amanda Sevrin, Susan Megnone, Kevin Jones, Melissa Jones, Kristen Crawford, Marty Snead, Sherri Calhoun, Valley Dezern, Mariluz Grote, and Erika Spatafore.
- Online: Kay Smith, Jim Cox, Sasha Borrego, Leigh-Anne Nimb, Jenn Devarn, Erin Pica, Melissa Cecil-Sturdevant, Imke Healy, Carl Naples, Heather Rae, Lilly Fowler, Mandy Bubniak, Sengul Jamila BBlackwell, Nicole Fields, and Sahra Roble

Meeting minutes:

- Approved last months minutes 1/20/22

Treasurer Report: Carey Martin

- Updating expense line items to accurately reflect categories
- To add Care Fund \$500 to begin with - will expand as needed

Upcoming Events:

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon:

- March 17: St. Patrick's Day theme
- Potato bar and salad
 - Checking with local steakhouses

Spirit Night: April 4: Chipotle in Holly Springs

- will need volunteers to distribute flyers
- 33% to school - huge percentage

Color Battle: April 7-8:

- MS and HS each have own day
- Teachers will participate
- Need corporate sponsors to cover t-shirts and incentive expenses
- Company takes 6% of online donations but 0% of cash/checks
- Funds raised will go toward building an outdoor classroom, clean up the gardens, school logo pole banners, and refurbish picnic tables with leftover funds - different from original plan
- Incentives: need more
 - Dr. Ray Tik-Tok
 - Pie in face
 - Gift cards (BMX, Defy, Ninja Warrior)
 - Swap parking space with Dr. Ray (HS - only)
 - Pizza - for advisory class winners
 - Ice-cream party - for advisory class winners

Teacher Grants:

- Received 4 applications

- 3 approved, 1 denied
- Dr. Ray would not approve HEPA filters for classrooms
- 1/semester
- Consider an email to all staff with details
- Request needs - for budget planning

Spiritwear:

- \$611 check from vendor received in January
- Another free ship-to-school in April
- Student logo contest- canceled due to lack of participation
 - Those who submitted entries will receive a small gift from PTO
 - Will try again in the future
 - Sign in carpool
 - Flyers/posters around school

Shed:

- Not approved by the school board.
- Board is purchasing sheds for school and will allow PTO access to one

Kindness tree:

- Dedication - Saturday, March 5 - 11am
- Teen Mental Health Awareness Day
- White Dogwood Tree
- Rocks to paint to place around the tree
 - Flat rocks
 - Paint markers and sealant purchased
- Will provide light refreshments

Completed Events

- Valentine's Day Teacher Appreciation: Feb 14 - doughnuts, coffee cups with treats
- Health baskets for each lounge - Teachers really appreciated
 - Time to re-stock
 - MS also received water kettles
- Culver's Spirit Night: Feb 1 - raised \$413

Questions/Comments:

1. As a part of the Care Fund - can meal trains be set-up?
Additional support can come from parents, but not through the PTO
2. What can we do about bus/van transportation?
School board concern - email them.
3. How many board members are there?
We think 5 (Dr. Ray, 2 teachers, and Finance person- also sit in on meetings)
Kay Smith commented - Dr. Reed and Ms. Latus
4. Where is their contact info?
website
5. Suggestion from parent to have school send an email survey - asking about transportation to see what needs exist.
6. What can be done with the carpool loop grassy area?
It is unsafe and needs to be graded for running and sports.

7. Can the Chipotle time be changed to 3-9 pm instead of 4-8 pm. For those who live far away, it is tough to waste time and stick around.
Tiffany will reach out and see if it can be changed.
8. Can we do more for the snacks and even a food pantry?
The latest SUG included food for students in each school who are in need of a snack or food. Storage space prevents us from putting together a pantry or a larger scale buddy program.
9. Why does MS not have vending machines?
HS lost privileges at end of year for congregating and getting out of class. MS lost altogether for similar reasons.
10. What is Kickboard?
Behavior reward system for MS. Send message to Ms. Cook with questions.
11. What is going on with MS bathrooms and vandalizing?
Boys bathrooms have been damaged. It needs to stop. Talk to your students!

Adjourned: 7:06 pm