

PTO Meeting

Date: 01/14/20 5:45 pm

Media Center

Attendees:

- Colleen Krogman, Kristina Whiteley, Lori Vodraska, Bekah Kentfield, Aria Dooley, Lisa Roetman, Wendi Eckelberg, Erin Van Waus, Rana Webster, Jen Troll, Dana Yonker

Topics:

- Principal Report:
 - All staff enjoyed the Holiday Staff Party that was put on by the PTO. The facilities, food, games, prizes & company were all great!
 - Thank you for providing the Teachers with money to spend on needs within the classrooms. Some have received their Ipevo Interactive Whiteboard devices and are really enjoying them. Others are enjoying the items they requested as well. There are more that will be coming in (i.e. items in Preschool & Kindergarten rooms)
 - The Holiday Shoppe was wonderful. Great selection of merchandise and the kids were really excited about it
- Treasurers Report:
 - Overall we have spent less than we budgeted, so we are in good shape.
 - Not all teachers have submitted their \$200 requests and we are close to field trip season which will take a good amount of money.
 - Plan to send request for field trip donations to families soon.
 - Goal is to end the year with enough to cover next year's expenses. Given that our largest fundraiser is yet to come (Carnival) we should be able to do all that we have planned this year (see info regarding Large Purchase for School).
- Upcoming events:
 - Jan 20 – end of year: School Store (Dawn Banks)
 - Dawn will prepare packets & send home with students next week.
 - PTO will not place a large emphasis on this fundraiser
- Jan 24th: Roller Skating @ Skate South (Dawn Banks)
 - Correction from agenda – this is on Feb 25th 10:30 – 12:30
 - Flyer will go home with students next week along with email through JMC
- Feb 14th: Parents Night Out (PNO) (Wendi Eckelberg & Erin Van Waus)
 - Information will be sent out soon. High level details: 5:30 – 9pm. \$25 per child for early registration. \$30 per child if after. Late fees to be assessed if children are not picked up on time. Pizza, drinks, popcorn, activities, games & movie.

- Release forms will be available for all students who attend daycare so they can go directly from daycare to PNO.
 - Background checks to be completed for all who are watching the children. Contact Wendi for the forms to complete for this. They could take up to 10 days to be returned, thus get submitted ASAP.
 - Need to follow up with the High School Silver Cord students to see if any are able to help.
- March 28th: Carnival (Dana Yonker)
 - Plan to double the size this year & have more games for older students. Possibly some STEM activities. Held in both gyms, Commons & Cafeteria. Meal/snacks will be available the entire event.
 - Information will be sent to families soon.
 - Seeking donations & sponsorships
 - Will need many volunteers the night of event to help run games, etc.
- Other discussion items:
 - Large purchase for school
 - The PTO would like to make a larger purchase that benefits the entire elementary student body & staff.
 - Decided to focus the following (pending final approval by Facilities & Administration):
 - Improved Basketball hoops on playground. Cost approx.: \$1200 each) A couple schools in Indianola installed new ones and are selling the old ones that are still in good shape (\$250 each). Anything will be an improvement from what is there now. Considering purchasing the used for now and then new ones in a couple of years. It was suggested that Danny Webster can help with the install.
 - Water bottle filling stations in the elementary. Cost \$1100, but will require filters to be replaced every other year. Researching the cost of the replacement filters, but discussed adding this to the PTO budget each year.
 - Painted games on Playground concrete. This was requested last year and fell to the wayside.
 - Manageable shade on Playground. Tarps are quite expensive and likely to be quickly damaged. Would like to plant trees & a “shelter” similar to what is at the Bike Trail.
 - School Supply Drive (Katie Eads)
 - We would like to offer the option for parents to purchase school supply kits to help with the 2020-2021 school year. Teachers will finalize their class lists after Spring Break at which time we will obtain final costs for each kit from vendors.

There are a couple vendor options, but it was suggested we go with the vendor that will let us select the brand names of supplies.

- Recap of what's happened since last meeting:
 - Teacher Holiday event:
 - Was a success! Served hot & cold appetizers for the Teachers & Associates. Better attendance than prior years. Everyone went home with an MSTM Water bottle, \$10 gift card & many with prizes from some of the games.
- Holiday Shoppe:
 - Was a big hit! Added pet gifts this year which was very popular.
 - Last year (2018) sold approx. 850 items and this year 1300! Sold out in the daytime and wasn't able to hold in the evening hours as planned.
 - Planning to purchase at least 2000 for next year, and shopping has been underway already with all the Christmas clearance!
- Classroom purchases:
 - Each teacher (specials included) was gifted \$200 to spend on classroom needs. Many have submitted their requests

Calendar:

- January:
 - 1/14/20: January meeting
 - 1/25/20: Roller Skating
- February:
 - 2/11: Feb Meeting
 - 2/14: Parents Night Out
 - 2/22: Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- March:
 - No Meeting
 - 3/10 & 3/12: Conferences
 - 3/28: Carnival
- April:
 - 4/14: April meeting
 - 4/20: Librarian Appreciation Day
 - 4/22: Administrative Professional Day
- May:
 - 5/1/20: School Principal Day
 - 5/1/20: School Lunch Hero Day
 - 5/5/20: Teacher Appreciation Day
 - 5/6/20: School Nurse Appreciation Day

- Field Day
- 5/12/20: May meeting & Volunteer Appreciation Event