

PTO Meeting Agenda/Minutes for Feb 2016

Approved at Mar 2016 PTO meeting (see notes for details)

In attendance: Erika Levin; Mary Cooper; Larissa Sano; Ben Ewy; Brian Weisman; Jen McNamara; Suzanne Muenz; Stephen Crano

1. Called to order @ 6:35 pm
2. Minutes - Reviewed previous meeting's minutes
 - a. Motion to approve minutes: Jen McNamara
 - b. Seconded: Ben Ewy
 - c. Vote: all ayes
3. Principal Report - Mrs. Cooper
 - a. 50 students for K round-up: student council members were helping out with specials
 - b. NAAPID event: many many parents participated
 - c. new entry system - up and running; stays locked during school day;
 - d. Maria Desmondi will be visiting school on March 22nd, as part of activities to celebrate reading month
4. Teacher Report - Mrs. Hagan
 - a. no report this month; teachers continue to appreciate PTO support
5. Treasurer Report - Brian Weisman
 - a. Mrs. Wayne did receive a grant to support 4th grade DIA trip, so this will be reflected in the budget
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Traffic & Safety - Erika Levin
 - i. Trying to get "No Left Turn" sign at end of circle drive changed to "Right Turn Only". Currently, some cars are driving straight out of circle drive into cul de sac and turning around to go southbound on to Waldenwood.
 1. neighbors in cul de sac have been trying to outreach to parents to get them to avoid this.
 - ii. Communicating with AAPS and city. Will attend meeting on 4/12 to try to get signage updated, but don't know how long the process will take or if it will get approved.
 - b. Spirit Wear-Ben Ewy
 - i. Spirit Gear orders are in. We have a total of 82 items ordered, down from last year, but up from previous orders. Heard from parents that they didn't order as much as last year bc last year was the first opportunity to order in a couple of years.
 - ii. Also, a request for two things from my informal poll: Can items be sold at events and at the office so they don't have to be ordered online? Can we add a physical order form as some parents forgot or had problems accessing the link to the online store - some parents would prefer paper forms.

- iii. UGP is giving us an overview of our order as it sits, and what would happen if we added extra on to the order to hit the price breaks and have more product on hand.- reinvest funds to increase numbers for certain items to hit our break point.
 - iv. target events would be book fair
 - v. Ben will reinvest funds to purchase t-shirts.
- c. Silent Auction-Karen Saito, Carrie Bora
 - i. especially recruiting volunteers to help with business solicitations
 - ii. new software is up and running
- d. Science Olympiad-Erika Levin, Karin Sletten-Farjo, Yong Miao
 - i. About 130 kids registered this year. Practices starting this month. Working with school on how to get rooms unlocked for practices.
- e. PTO Council Rep- Jen McNamara
 - i. Voted for King to support the handgun resolution. Will hear results of the vote prior to the next meeting - update, majority of AAPS PTOs supported Dr. Swift on this issue (to ban handguns on school campuses).
 - ii. Dr. Swift is in need of volunteers to serve on the for the Bond Advisory Committees. There are 7 committees: Athletic Fields & Facilities, Auditorium Upgrades, Classroom Furniture, Musical Instruments, Playgrounds, Security, and Technology. If you or someone you know is interested, please go to AAPS site to apply and get more information; deadline is Feb 12th.
- f. International Night-Mithu De
 - i. Sat 27-Feb, 7 pm at Pioneer High Auditorium
 - ii. recruiting for volunteers the evening of the show; to help with logistics
 - iii. posters are going up around King to highlight cultures from around the world
 - iv. Principal Cooper will send out announcement to recruit volunteers
- g. Disability Awareness Coordinator-Pam McGuinty
 - i. Workshop is coming up soon: March 9th. Will send out request for volunteers to 4th grade parents first and then may send to entire school depending on the number of volunteers needed.
 - ii. district-wide event for fourth graders;
- h. Book Fairs-Tomomi Kumagai, Suzanne Muenz , Carly Ly, Ping He
 - i. Getting ready for for the upcoming Spring Book Fair. We are looking for organizations in need to donate any unsold used books - often have c. 1000 remaining books, that have previously gone to JCC and CAN.
 - ii. staring 29-Feb, will be collecting used books, which is earlier than usual - every classroom will have a Scholastic cardboard box to place items in
 - iii. Going to contact Barnes and Noble about doing a "Summer Reading Book Fair" before school is out; portion of these sales would go to PTO; parents would purchase books directly from BN, so a fundraiser for schools.

- iv. every child gets two free used paperback books (or one used hardback book), can earn more used books by completing coloring books.
 - v. March 15, 16, 17th
 - vi. will coincide with Bagel "Friday" - so will be Bagel Thursday
- i. CAN - Stephen Caro visited the meeting to talk about CAN's efforts in the district. Stephen is running GBC and after school programs there. CAN runs an afterschool program, providing help with homework and snacks/foods for children.
 - j. Bingo Night-Laura Weintraub, Suman Tewari
 - i. It was a success! Thanks to all those who helped out and all who came for the fun!

7. Old Business

- a. Need committee chairs and executive board members for upcoming school year
 - i. Traffic
 - ii. Will be emailing all current officers asking if they will be staying on or trying something new

8. New Business

- a. Door safety measures

9. Meeting Adjournment @ 7:13

- a. Motion to adjourn: Suzanne Muenz
- b. Seconded: Jen McNamara