

PTO Meeting Minutes - approved by vote on Tuesday 18-April 2017

March 21, 2017

In attendance: Sara Schneidewind, Thiran Janasundean, Jamie Haberichter, Brian Weisman, Marguerite Dillard, Leslie Calhoun, Carly Ly, Beth Grzelak-Lee, Linda Hagan, Mary Cooper, Talisha Sutton, Tomomi Kumagai

1. Called to order @ 6:41 pm
2. Minutes -
 - a. Motion to approve minutes: Linda Hagan
 - b. Seconded: Tomomi
 - c. Vote: all "ayes"
3. Principal Report - Mrs. Cooper
 - a. Thank you to all the parents and volunteers that helped with the bookfair. The 4th and 5th grade went on a field trip last week to... She really enjoys seeing children so happy with books from the book fair and enjoying their field trips as a result of the efforts from the PTO. We are in a great place and moving forward
4. Teacher Report - Mrs. Hagan
 - a. The teachers are always thankful for everything that we do for them.
 - b. Trip to Michigan theatre coming up
 - c. Thanks to Tomomi for bringing 6 boxes to Mitchell
5. Treasurer Report - Brian Weisman
 - a. Silent auction is our big fundraiser. We have budgeted 30,000 in revenue and 4K in expense. If the silent auction comes in at budget it will help with our budget.
 - b. Teacher Grants: there is still room for teachers to utilize these funds
 - c. We are predicting a little bit of a budget deficit and hoping that it shrinks by the end of the year.
 - d. Book Fair: Was a huge success. We are going to use the spring book fair profits in scholastic dollars to provide for our classrooms and library.
 - e. Our surplus is down to 55-60K.
 - f. We did reach our goal for parent donations.

Committee Reports

- a. AAPAC (Parent Advisory Council)- Rochelle Taylor-Franklin
 - a. The next AAPAC meeting is schedule for April 10th at Tappen Middle

School. Parents can meet with SISS team from 6:15 to 6:50 to discuss any questions or concerns they may have regarding their child's IEP or 504 plan. During the last meeting various organization presented the various summer camp opportunities available to students with special needs. ABA Pathways, Rec & Ed, Ann Arbor Hands On Museum, Camp Tall Tree and etc. Parents can refer to their websites for details and or contact me.

- b. Academic Games-Vivian Lin
 - i. Twenty King Academic Games students joined approximately 450 students from all over Michigan for the Academic Games State Tournament March 1-3 in Grand Rapids. The King team brought home 2 State Championships, and multiple other awards were also earned across all of the events: Equations, On-Sets (set theory), On-Words (a spelling and phonetics word game), Linguishtik (grammar), Presidents (history and Presidential trivia) and Propaganda (recognizing different forms of persuasion). Going forward, we will have practices once per week on Tuesdays until late May, and will start up with twice per week practices again in mid-September. Many thanks to the King principal, teachers, and PTO for your support of this enrichment activity for our kids!

- c. Bagel Friday-Sara Schneidewind, Sara Zocher
 - a. The last bagel Friday was very busy! (with book fair) Next one is April 28

- d. Bingo Night - Jen McNamara

- e. Book Fairs-Tomomi Kumagai, Leslie Frey, Lisa Mitchell, Dana Haybers
 - a. The spring book fair was a success. We had just under 8,200 in scholastic sales, and 564 in used book and other fundraiser sales. 8,200 is not our take-home profit for scholastic. We will take a percentage of that amount either in scholastic dollars to buy new books for the school, or we can take it in cash. Teachers are having a meeting Monday and will discuss their recommendation for whether we take profits in scholastic dollars or cash.
 - b. We want to give an enormous thank you to our out-going chairwoman Tomomi Kumagai, without whom we could not have had such a smooth and successfully planned and executed fair. We also want to thank all of the volunteers. One note for future book fairs is that we need a lot more volunteer commitment to make this happen. Special thanks to Mrs. Cooper for putting the word out for us the week-of book fair-- we saw a huge increase in volunteer sign up after her email request went out. (submitted by Leslie Calhoun, (Jimmy Frey's mom))
 - c. Tomomi passed along guided reading information to the teachers who will meet next week and determine their needs. We got received a little bonus because we do two book fairs. Some of the scholastic dollars may be reserved for new teachers. This is Tomomi's last year chairing the book fair. Thanks to Mrs.Cooper for reaching out to get more volunteers. The committee is looking for feedback on the used book sale in regards to raising the price point a little bit. They will be looking into feedback, especially in regards to backorders this year. Gave used books to students

on the preview day rather than the sale day, so they will be evaluating this because of teacher feedback. Please provide any feedback that you may have.

- d. THANKS TO MRS.HAGAN for helping after a long day of teaching at the book fair.
- f. Box Tops-Sara Robins
- g. Building Healthy Communities
- h. By Laws Interpretation-Jamie Haberichter
- i. Communications/Enotes-Kim Burton-Weisman
- j. Community Action- Larissa Sano
 - i. No report
- k. Disability Awareness Coordinator-Pam McGuinty
 - a. DAW day is coming up soon - April 18th! We will need lots of parent volunteers. We are in the process of setting up a sign up genius which will go out to the 4th grade families first and then we will send out via PTO eNotes and Mary's newsletter.
- l. Family 5K- Talisha Sutton
- m. First Day Packets- Sarah Wentzloff, Helen Kaplan
- n. Grade Level Rep-K- Carly Ly
- o. Grade Level Rep-1st- Jen McNamara
 - ii. No report
- p. Grade Level Rep-2nd-Shikha Marwah
- q. Grade Level Rep-3rd- Shanti Eswaran
- r. Grade Level Rep-4th-Sharon Qi
- s. Grade Level Rep-5th- Anita Shelgikar
- t. Grocery Cards
- u. Harvest Moon- Carrie Bora, Liz Batteh
- v. Ice Cream Social- Bing Yang, Monica Jones
- w. International Night- Marguerite Dillard
- x. Landscaping- Marguerite Dillard
- y. Learning Garden-Sara Zocher, Becky Locke, Neha Shah=
 - a. We will begin planting in the greenhouse on Tuesday, March 21! We will be asking parents who signed up to help with the KLG to aid in watering the seedlings. Our spring workday is scheduled for Sunday,

April 23 from 12-2 p.m. with a rain date for Sunday, April 30 same time. We are hoping for a large crowd to come out for 2 hours and help set up the garden for the kids to utilize. We want to thank PTO for helping to get benches for us for the Cash for Causes. We really appreciate the support! The kids and teachers will really enjoy their new outdoor classroom space with benches.

- z. Math Club- Shikha Marwa Fred Korley
 - a. The Math Club meetings have concluded for this academic year. Last week 45 students from 1st through 5th grade took the Math Kangaroo Contest.
- aa. Enotes and Outdoor Sign-Kim Burton-Weisman
- bb. PTO Thrift Shop Liaison-Sara Schneidewind
 - i. We recently received notice from the thrift shop that because of current budget shortfalls and decreased sales there will be changes next year to how much funding will be available from the thrift shop. The Transportation Fund for field trips is likely not available next year. It will be the first item to be cut from their distributions. Also, they are asking for volunteers at the thrift shop (to sort donations and such). Next year they are considering asking for more volunteers as a part of the PTO participation with the thrift shop
 - ii. This contribution is ~\$3000. The transportation fund is ~1700 worth of help to get our students to field trips.
- cc. PTO Council Rep- Beth Grzelak-Lee
 - i. Beth attending the district wide PTO C meeting. The millage was discussed and the VOTE IS ON May 2nd. We are looking at an increase of 1.5 mils. They are below the state cap of 3mils. This will provide an additional 20mil/year to the school district. The duration of this mil is 10 years. We do have a few buildings in our district that will be over 100 years old, with the average age of buildings at 60 years old. Some of the schools did sustain significant damage in the windstorm. The district is responsible for 32 buildings, administration and transportation buildings. They would like to use this money to improve infrastructure (HVAC, boilers, roofing, lighting, flooring, ceilings), upgrading classroom environments, playgrounds, auditory repairs, intercom systems, and more. King is on the list to receive modular to house additional students. Each modular will have a classroom, office and bathroom. They will be connected by covered and paved walkways. They can be moved around the district or sold in the future. It's not to add space but to improve what we currently have and make it functional. There is a draft rationale, provided by Dr.Swift, which will be available shortly on the district website.
 - ii. Some Reasons to Vote:
 - Home values are tied to the quality of education
 - Ensure we can provide a wide variety of RECED
 - Access to cultural events
 - b. At our next PTO Meeting Mrs.Cooper will provide more information on this.
 - c. They will also provide information/fliers on this in the E-notes, so look out

for those.

- d. If you would like to volunteer to hand out fliers or put signs up in your yard, you can get information on this from the district website.
- e. The corresponding secretary, recording secretary & treasurer positions are open for the PTO C district wide. They are watching the state budget closely. We, AAPS district, are slated to receive a \$50/pupil increase in our budget, however this does not account for inflation so if our student count remained the same we would not necessarily see an increase from this.
- f. Wednesday March 29th – the budget will be discussed at the district meeting.
- g. The district is working to determine the impact the AHCA, could possibly have on our school funding.

dd. Science Olympiad- Karin Sletten-Farjo, Yong Miao

- i. We are excited for Science Night on Friday. Practices are ongoing.

ee. Silent Auction- Carrie Bora, Gayle Green,

- i. Its happening Friday!

ff. SIT Rep- Tim Pinto

gg. Space Camp - Neha Shah, Carrie Bora, Gayle Green, Stacey Hamill

- i. We are gearing up for Space Camp. The Space Camp Student T-Shirt Design has been voted on by the fifth grade students (a student made design) and we will be ordering t-shirts for the kids, parent volunteers, and staff shortly.

hh. Spirit Wear-Ben Ewy

- ii. All but three items have been delivered to students and families. I have contacted the families whose goods were taking more time and they wanted to wait for them. At the completion of the sale, we made \$473.20!!! In past years, we used this money to make more clothing, which was sold at events to raise more money, but also proved to be more work than seemed worth it. We can revisit this next year if it seems warranted. Not planning on doing another sale this year unless there seems to be high demand for it. Thanks everyone!

jj. Store Certificates

kk. Student Directory-Sarah Wentzloff

ll. Teacher Appreciation - need chair for Dec and May

- i. Need volunteer to coordinate May teacher appreciation
- ii. Marguerite Dillard & Beth Grzelak-Lee volunteered to help with this

- mm. Traffic & Safety - Chien-An Yuan and Rochelle Taylor-Franklin
 - i. Had a brutal case of bronchitis that knocked me out for near a month but I'm back M,T, Th, and most Fridays! Any volunteers would be appreciated! Thanks!

nn. Turkey Trot-Tim Pinto, Jamie Haberichter

- 6. Old Business:
- 7. New Business: The principal from CLAGUE will be here next month's meeting.
- 8. Meeting Adjournment @ 7:45
 - a. Motion to adjourn: Carly
 - b. Seconded: Sara Schneidewind