

PTA Minutes – August 2017

- Call to order: DJ at 6:03 pm
- Introductions of the board
- Review of Norms: DJ
- Approval of May 2017 minutes: motioned by DJ, seconded by group vote
- Treasurer's Report: Rachel
 - Last year we spent \$28,474 dollars, raised \$31k, meaning we have \$16,033 + \$7,500 reserve
 - Community events have a budget this year!!!
 - No holiday shop this year. Rather we will try a capital campaign. Consider a donation directly to Quest PTA through the website in the PTA tab on the Quest website.
 - The PTA voted aye on the budget

Meeting Minutes

- Fundraisers : Jamie
 - Fun Run is back again. Reviewed the benefits website and the videos.
 - The fee is half this year - \$1,000 + half of the donations
 - Terry – “Could we increase the lap size this year?” Hope – “We could tally each lap twice to make up the difference.” Jamie noted both ideas to ask the rep.
 - Gem Presentation for 1st and 3rd grade. Each student is given a kit to take home. The cost is \$10 per first grader, \$12 per third grader. The motion is to vote to do it now, then revisit in the spring whether to add it as a line item.
 - Group vote motioned by DJ. All aye votes, save one nay.
- Specials teachers presentations – Mrs MacLeay and Mrs Horn presented for everyone due to a track meet conflict.
 - Each child at Quest is given an tech block each week due to the schedules.
 - All elementary students get each elective once per week. Middle schoolers get each elective on an A or B day for each quarter.
 - Art – Patel: does all manner of art. Big projects to be seen all over the school, from welding and ceramics to found art pieces.
 - PE – Reese: scaffolded per grade. From catching scarves to rugby!
 - Tech/Library – MacLaey: Elementary works on computing in the lab using word and basic software, while middle is working on designing games and software.
 - Tech – Nickell: Everyone is working on robotics and programming. Middle also uses the 3D printer (on loan from the district) and also on the Digital Citizenship

program. They are also working on videos to submit to the APS contest Aurora Borealis.

- *****Here Mrs. MacLaey plugged that they would like a 3D printer for Quest.
- Music – Horn: Elementary will participate in a short program and then the students teach parents what they've learned. Honor middle school students help facilitate this. Middle schoolers have a talent show.
 - The talent show October 10 will be 9/25 and 9/27 are the tryouts.
- Scholastic Book Fair is November 10 (same day as Goodies for Grandparents and the Veteran's Day Presentation!!!)
 - Mrs. MacLaey says she needs a volunteer to help count money.
- Rob Lipson is the new counselor at Quest. He comes from West Prep.
 - Mr. Lipson shared a powerpoint presentation that he's been showing to the 4-6 grades during advisory
 - The ppt outlines confidentiality when talking with him, as well as outlining the process for seeing him, and some of the things he can talk about (ie: cyberbullying)
 - All 6th and 9th grade students in APS are taught about the warning signs to look for in themselves and others regarding suicide.
 - ICAPS in grades 5-12
 - Uses Naviance to set goals both academic and post school.
 - Mr Lipson showed us how to look into colleges of choice as an example
- PTA Presentations : DJ
 - Regarding PTA topic sessions, DJ would like to consider learning about how parents control school funding processes. He would like to have it in Oct. Date TBD. He would also like to schedule another session on cyberbullying as it was very informative and there is more interest.
 - The Reflections theme is Within Reach. DJ discussed the different types of entries that can be submitted and said the entry forms would be posted soon.
 - You can also find them on the Colorado PTA page under programs
- Principal's Notes and Budget Update: Dave
 - The accountability team felt that the Discovery Day was successful.
 - Jamie asked whether students would remain in the same groups. They will, but will go to a different program with a new teacher each time learning different topics.
 - Looking at budget, and will share more information about needs
 - Introduced Jesus Germes, the new Assistant Principal
- DJ discussed sign ups for open positions at the carnival
 - Jamie reviewed how to access the site from the Quest Page, PTA tab

- Peter reviewed upcoming dates.
 - Judy stated that 6th – 8th conferences on 9/21 will be on 11/30.
 - Skate City night in October was left off the schedule. It is 10/12 from 6-8pm
 - There will be a movie night, date TBD
- Drawing: two glasses given out
- Adjournment called by DJ at 7:09 pm