

February 7, 2017

PTA Minutes

- Meeting began at 6:05 P.M.
- Dave Schoenhals: There will be possible changes to PTA for next year. Some things we are considering: What will PTA fund? Can we change our focus to do more community outreach and events?
- Review of the mission statement and norms: DJ Potter
- Introductions of board members
- Voting of January minutes and updated November minutes. Motioned to approve both: Kim, Seconded: Jim
- Jumpoline Update: Peter Gonzalez. The contact person at Jumpoline had a family emergency and left the state unexpectedly and the information about our spirit night was not relayed properly. The staff was under the impression that we were collecting the money up front from each participant and then paying them all at once, but that was not what we had set up the contact person. We would like to do more events here, but they need to have more staff working and we need the waiver ahead of time, so kids can go jump while parents are paying. We will be getting a 10% return on this event.
- PTA Elections: Jamie Ojeda. We would like for the current board to stay on for next year and take on 4 additional officers, one for each role, so they can learn about the responsibilities throughout the year through experience. The following school year, the new board would stay on and bring on an additional 4 new people and carry on the shadowing so there is always an overlap. This would be pending the PTA voted the current board in for another year.
- What are the roles for each office? **Secretary:** Facebook updates, meeting agendas, meeting minutes, fliers, and newsletters (working with Judy on this). **Treasurer:** Keeping the books, spreadsheets, cutting checks, approving expenses, teacher reimbursement, taxes, financial reviews, and consolidating finances. **Vice President:** Running community events, setting up events, helping the president or other officers in any way. **President:** The contact person for vendors, scheduling events and fundraisers.
- Who might be interested in joining the board? Corina Smith and Alex Armitage.
- Treasurer's Report: Rachel Trice. We purchased shirts for Boosterthon, but the parents paid for the shirts. The event Root Beer and Braids will be using \$50 from the administration budget to buy the treats for the event. We need to meet to develop the new budget for next year.
- Motion to vote the \$50 be used for Root Beer and Braids: Motion: Corina Seconded: Becca
- Dad's Football Community Event: Peter Gonzalez. We had a decent turnout for the event. The kids and dads had a blast. We want to do more events like this, including soccer, basketball, and another football.

- Middle Math School Presentation: Shannon Parish, Jody Ingram, and Erin Hayson.
  - Focus on Growth Mindset: Encourage kids to be problem solvers
  - Students completed a survey in January about how math was going. The survey included question on the following points:
    - Mistakes being a pathway to learning
    - Collaborating with peers
    - Teacher pushes me to think
    - Extend on others' ideas
    - Engage if I don't give up
    - Real world situations
    - Reflect on math
    - Teacher growth mindset
    - Need to find the right answer
    - Learn new math everyday
    - Quick calculations vs. engaging in more rigorous work
    - Identifying and using habits of mind posters everyday
  - Exit ticket reflections: What are the your stuck points and how to you overcome them?
  - Focus on metacognition
  - Overcoming problems by looking at notes and checking with peers
  - Checking for mindset vs. knowing the math content
  - Gave an example of one student who realized she had made a mistake while calculating on a math test. She left it on the page, wrote, wrong strategy used, and then wrote the correct strategy and work on the next page. Didn't give up or get upset with the mistake. She just accepted it and redid the work. (Growth Mindset)
  - Middle School Math- Based around student driven conversations, pushing each other and being pushed by the teacher and questioning each other.
  - Posters around the room with habits or mind and interaction. Groups also have cards to use with the same information as the posters when doing group work. Teachers use the posters to talk about how to solve the problems, lead discussions, making changes to work, and for anticipation of skills going to be used during the lesson.
  - Growth Mindset: Less focus on perfectionism and learning that mistakes are valuable.
  - TDG is Teacher Development Group. They provide professional learning for teachers using lesson study principles and focus on thinking processes (our teachers already have loads of content knowledge). Our consultant works with us three times throughout the year, spending time with building leaders to hone our eye for instructional practices and also time with teachers to dig into a new

practice. Much of the growth mindset work teachers have been doing are inspired by their work with TDG.

- Math teachers read the book, Mathematical Mindset over the summer to learn more about their focus for the year.
- Committees: Jamie Ojeda. If you are not wanting to be on the board next year, think about which PTA committees/events you could chair next year to be more involved.
- Reflections: DJ Potter. In Sept/Oct we had a reflections contest with included 8 entries from Quest students. 6 of those entries are going on to judging at the state level. The state judging will take place February 11. DJ will put the entries on the PTA Facebook page once the names are matched with their entries.
- Survey Monkey Results: DJ Potter. Parent Education Training Sessions (PETS) will be 45-60 min long. The top 2 topics on the parent survey were Cyberbullying and Dimensions of Culture. The majority wanted an evening session 6:00-8:00 P.M. to be held at Quest and including child care. The most popular day of the week was Thursday. We will hold one in April this school year.
- Catalogue Sales: DJ Potter. Running catalogue sales starting February 17<sup>th</sup> before the Fun Run. We will still have the limo ride option and we will do sales for 2 weeks. The products will arrive in April. Terry mentioned to push the donations piece of the fundraiser because 100% of the donations go back to the school and the kids still get credit for the prizes. They still need to fill out a paper form and turn it in even if they are doing donations. Catalogue sales is our biggest fundraiser.
- Upcoming events: Jamie Ojeda
- Muffins for Moms: Tarro McCray. We need more volunteers for the event to meet at 6:30 A.M. We want all male volunteers so we can serve the moms. The event begins at 7. There will be a Facebook plug for volunteers on the PTA page.
- Richie Castro assembly: Jamie Ojeda. Thank you for approving the assembly. The feedback from staff and kids was amazing. Even the middle schoolers were engaged and enjoying it.
- Box Tops for Education: Becca Peters. January was power month, but it didn't bring in anymore Box Tops than usual. Mrs. Adair's class was the winner and they will do a pizza and pencil party on March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Movie Night: Becca Peters. We are working on having the Girl Scouts (80% Quest kids) serve concessions at the event. This is a free community event but we will charge for concessions. Someone asked about involving other organizations like Junior Honors Society or sports teams. Becca said that the Girl Scouts are on board, but if something changes, we could bring in another group to run concessions. Also, Mc Donald's will usually donate orange drink if you bring them a cooler/dispenser. The event will be March 24<sup>th</sup> with the doors opening at 5:30 and the movie beginning at 6:00. Kids can bring their pillows and sleeping bags.

- Read Across America: Kim Pippenger. We are in need of readers for March 2. We will hold Dr. Seuss' birthday party after school from 2:30-3:30. The middle school math teachers are running Read Across America this year. We are not allowed to decorate the doors this year due to fire codes, but the middle schoolers will be making portable books to decorate the school. 7<sup>th</sup> graders in advisement will be sending out an invitation. They will have a photo booth at the party and a scavenger hunt. Let Mrs. Pippenger know if you are available to be a reader.
- Drawing: Quest Pack: T shirt, key chain, and sticker- Winner: Chandra. Girl Scout Cookies: Alex and Stephanie
- Motion to adjourn: Alex
- Close: 7:10