

September 13, 2016-PTA Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by President DJ Potter at 6:05 P.M.

- Board introductions made
- August minutes approved: Motioned by Alexandra Armitage, seconded by Chandra Doris.

• **Treasurer Update:**

- Final updates were made to 2015-2016 Financials to accommodate expenses and revenue incurred/earned in the previous school year that were billed/received this year. These items were summer workbooks and Prepaid gift cards from Labels for Education.
- Funds raised recently include Skate City night at \$301.50, Dairy Queen Night at \$137 and membership dues at \$520 with a \$20 donation
- If you are interested in being on the Audit/Finance committee, please contact the treasurer, Rachel Trice

• **Sommer Meyer: Kindergarten Block Update:**

- There has been \$250 raised so far by parents. The school will fund \$300 from the general fund and Sommer_-requested PTA to pay

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for half the funds need for blocks which is \$669.00 which will pay for one set.

- ___ Mr. Schoenhals expressed concern with asking parents directly for money because we don't want parents to feel uncomfortable or seem like the school is asking parents for money when we already have fundraisers in place.
- ___ Sommer motioned for the PTA to fund the \$669.00 for second set of blocks. Jennifer Neeley seconded the motioned and it was approved for PTA to fund \$669.00 for the blocks. There was an idea for PTA to fund in the missing amount as well in case the rest of the money needed is not raised. The idea was not motioned or put up for a vote. ~~Jennifer Neeley seconded the motioned and it was approved for PTA to fund \$669.00 for the blocks.~~

● Teacher Presentations:

- ___ Mrs. Haley and Mrs. Trail gave a presentation on the happenings of 1st grade. They requested \$100 for each classroom to update their take home book library (leveled books). They are currently sending home 5 books a week with students and want to make

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sure kids are getting different books to read at their levels. They will purchase the books through Scholastic as it is a cheap way to purchase them and the books are already leveled.

- A question was raised: Does the school fund any classroom materials? Mrs. Schoenhals said the school does have a budget for materials, however, primary grades tend to use more disposable materials while the upper grades use materials for projects which tend to be more expensive. New curriculum materials were purchased for teachers, but that didn't include individual books for kids.
- Something else to keep in mind, we have 150 Chrome Books, where are 4-years-old, and we need to think of the future as these will need to be replaced. They have a shelf-life of 4-5 years. In addition, we started a Robotics class in middle school and up front that costs \$5,000.00.
- Teachers are given a classroom budget of \$100 to begin the school year, but that is used to set up the classroom.

●○ Question raised: Can parents donate books?
Yes, they can, however, the teachers would like specific titles and levels.

●○ Motion raised by Jennifer Neeley to fund the \$100 per classroom for new books. Seconded by Tarro McCray. \$200 (Total) approved for new leveled books for first grade).

● **Becca Peters: Box Tops for Education Update:**

●○ There is a Box Tops App to earn bonus points. She put it on the PTA Facebook page. You can scan receipts and earn bonus points. Everyone would have their own user account and the bonus points go directly to Quest. She will continue to send in the paper Box Tops as well.

●○ Becca will no longer be doing monthly classroom contests, but will instead have a power month schoolwide. This will cut down on costs of throwing a monthly party and that extra money will go toward the community garden.

(Anything over \$1,800 gross income)

●○ There will be a contest October 21 for students to vote what special idea will go in the community garden, i.e. benches, a weather

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station, books about gardening/plants, etc. This will be a community partnership. We also need to budget \$750 for shipping the paper Box Tops and for the field day waterslide.

• **Morgan Jarrett: USA Again Update:**

- The contest will run Oct. 15-Nov. 15. This is a state-wide collection contest based on weight. She will send home fliers in Oct. The school could win \$200.

• **DJ Potter: Reflections Committee:**

- The theme is “What is Your Story?” This is such a broad topic and kids can share their own story. They can use dance choreography, film production, literature, music, composition, photography, and visual arts. There will be a committee meeting with the Denver chairperson on September 22, 2016 and a flier will go home for kids to participate.

- Cindy Johnson requested someone be in charge of helping parents/families meet the requirements/rules set forth. Denver entries are due after Thanksgiving and DJ Potter will send the info to students.

• **Anne Overstreet: Bids, Boots, and BBQ Update:**

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- ___ -There will be an auctioneer to lead part of the night. Will auction off 5 big ticket items as well as lead some games. Make sure you like the Facebook page. There are many vacations available. Quest gets 40% of the estimated cost and the retail. Year round we can book through Travel Pledge. Let Anne know where you are interested in going and she can add it!
- ___ Email her at aobbbauktion@gmail.com for donation letter/tax form.
- ___ No alcohol drop-off donations at the school please.
- ___ Alcohol is online only and will not be onsite the night of the auction. Peter Gonzalez offered to deliver alcohol purchased after the auction (not that night).
- ___ There was a committee meeting on September 10 for the auction. Jobs were delegated for the auction but we could still use more help. We selected parent liaisons who will have needed information and will relay that information to teachers per grade level. We need several more parents to do this, especially in the upper grades.

- **Mr. Schoenhals: Principal's Notes:**

● ○ He pointed out there is a building-wide initiative on Growth Mindset. This is a greater focus on effort and perseverance than perfectionism. There was a detailed description in the electronic newsletter.

- **Drawing:** Starbucks Gift Card

- President DJ Potter: Adjourned: 7:05 P.M.

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