

February 13, 2018- PTA Minutes

Call to order: Peter 6:04 P.M.

Approve January Minutes: Morgan Jarret- motion, Rachel Trice- second

Presidential Cabinet Members: spoke about preventing bullying on the playground and did a survey of students, which resulted in them asking for a Buddy Bench for the playground. Vivian Tran and Tiara Zuniga presented and asked for a Buddy Bench. The Buddy Bench was already approved in spring 2017. They are going to put together a proposal to see if we have already approved enough or if we need to raise additional funds.

5th Grade Presentations: Adair and Bousquet

Adair- Writing Highlights: fiction, personal narrative, opinion, persuasive, informational, 5 paragraph essays, poetry books which include 17 styles of poetry and illustrate into a book. During the 5th grade showcase, students write and publish fictional stories, present with an author's tea, and use a tri-fold board to display their process including reflections. One Quest student won the National competition with their published book.

Social Studies Highlights: Students write historical fiction stories. The books are spiral-bound and put in the classroom library.

5th Grade Calwood Trip: Will be held May 2-4 and correlates with science standards for a 3-day in-depth learning camp. The facility provides gear for kids who can't bring gear. There is enough gear for around 100 kids.

Bousquet- Classroom Economy: Students are given jobs in the classroom, i.e. banker, messenger, police, news, director, materials manager, ambassador, paychecks, etc. Students pay rent for their desks, do quarterly vending sales, receive bonuses for good behavior and work habits. They also make items to sell in the classroom, i.e. slime, pancakes, etc.

Discovery Day: We did forensic science and used fingerprints and DNA to solve crimes. We used cheek cells for DNA.

Adair- 6 word stories: Students write a story with 50 words, shorten it to 25, then to 10. We focus on summarizing and then act out the stories. We narrow it down to 6 words. 6 word stories can be interpreted in many ways and perspectives.

Treasurers Report: As of Jan 31, 2018 we gave raised \$3,652 and spend \$5,948 resulting in a net deficit of \$2,296. Based on our year end forecast of raising \$17,945 and spending \$30,570, we will have a net deficit of \$12,625 for the year. Given our beginning balance of \$23,533 and our reserve requirement of \$7,500, we are estimating we will have \$3,409 as the available starting balance for the 2018-2019 school year.

2017-2018 Forecast			Comments
Beginning of year balance		\$23,533	<i>Actual money in the bank</i>
Net Deficit for 2017-2018	(-)	<u>\$12,625</u>	<i>Spent more than we raised in 2017-2018 school year</i>
Balance at the end of 2017-2018	=	\$10,909	<i>Money in the bank at the end of 2017-2018</i>
Reserve Requirement	(-)	<u>\$7,500</u>	
Net balance available for next year	=	<u>\$3,409</u>	

For our January fundraising activity, we continue to have small donations made via our online platform (~\$265). Quest got 1st place prize for USAgain recycle competition and got \$200. The December Skate City event brought in \$215 and the Chipotle event brought in \$516.95.

In January, we funded the approved GEM presentation experience for 1st grade at \$520. We are still at the low end of our spending on both Classroom supplies and enrichment at 38% and 27% of budget, respectively.

Jamie- Fun Run: T-shirt orders were good this year. I would like to get corporate sponsors to pay for the t-shirts for next year. I will create a Sign-Up Genius for volunteers for the Fun Run.

Board Elections: We need more names for the ballot in March. (No one new volunteered to be on the ballot)

PTA vs. PTO: Something we might look into for next year.

Fundraiser Ideas: Do we want to do the Fun Run ourselves? Do we want to do the carnival ourselves?

Valentines: We sold \$179 as of today

Dave: We are accepting Culture Fair applications, which will be held on March 7. Immersion sign up has come out. Be sure to complete that ASAP. We are \$9,000 ahead in the budget and looking good for next year.

Thank you: Thank you Morgan Jarret for taking on the restaurant night chair and to Julia Heath for taking on hospitality.

Drawing: Lisa, Crystal, Jim, Kelvin won Girl Scout cookies.

Adjournment: 7:05 P.M. Motion- Alex, Second- Becca