

April 10, 2018

PTA Meeting Minutes

- **Motion to begin meeting- Alex 6:05 pm**
- **Introduction to board members- Peter**
- **Approve March Minutes- Peter**
 - Motion to approve- Rachel
 - 2nd- Cindy
 - Unanimous approval
- **Special Guest- Mrs. Amick Lang. Arts (LA) 6th Grade**
 - Would like to reduce class size by adding a 4th LA section in 6th grade
 - Focus on kids and their relationships to literature
 - Focus on gifted identity and what kind of learner they are
 - 7th grade LA focuses on how the individual relates to society
 - 8th grade LA focus on how the individual relates to a utopian society
 - 6th grade struggles for field trips b/c of how it relates to curriculum and due to funding
 - Focus on Depth and Complexity- take large ideas and dig deeper learning with multiple perspectives and higher-level thinking skills.
 - She has a passion for projects in LA and social studies
 - 6th grade still needs the fun hands-on projects
 - Her goal- kids will leave 6th grade loving reading
 - Added kids reading a novel a month this year and they do some sort of project with the book each month to let her know they read it. Projects can be just about anything, not just writing
 - Accesses multiple intelligences and allows audio books for audio learners
 - Summer Reading List- What are they reading? How are they responding to reading? What are they recommending to other students? Focus on books dealing with identity. She is looking for more books for young black male identity.
 - Teaches a summer boot camp for incoming 6th graders
 - Idea for field trips: Parents with a CDL can get certified to drive the district small buses/vans. Must carry at \$300,000 liability policy.
 - \$15 per student budget is shared among the teachers for 6th grade so they must agree on which field trips to take
- **Fun Run Update:**
 - K-5 \$20,688.50
 - 6-8 \$1,595
 - Total Raised: \$22,283
 - **Quest Keeps: \$11,141.75**

- 57% K-5 brought in pledges
- 72% registered online
- 60% donations by non-parents
- Top earner was Lana Trice at \$1,280!
- 35 states participated as well as the UK
- **Next Year:**
- Theme: Mind Spark Lab (STEAM Theme)
- Focus on: Integrity, Citizenship, Teamwork, Growth Mindset, Zest
- Nov 12-28 (proposed dates)- 8 days of in program at school and have the rest of the pledging around Thanksgiving (only fall date available as of last week)
- Glow Run K-5 (if we want to plan that from the beginning)
- Middle School Indoor Dance Party
- Fee for next year will be \$1,000 like this year, but if we book our dates this year for next year's fun run, we will get a \$250 discount on that fee

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Most of fun run funds have been collected and entered. The fundraisers brought in approximately \$10K (after fees). We have continued to see direct PTA donations which are at approximately \$2K YTD March.
- YTD March 2018, we have raised \$18,011 and we have spent \$7,729 for net balance of approximately \$10,283. Based on forecasts, we still anticipate ending the year with a negative balance of approximately \$12K. Given our previous balance of \$23,533 less our required reserve of \$7,500, we anticipate ending the year with a net balance of \$3,563 available for 2018-2019 school year. Cash balance will be \$11,063 (\$3,563 + \$7,500)
- The finance committee and PTA members met on 4/3/18 to create the budget for 2018-2019 school year. Only minor changes were made to the expense side of the budget. The fundraising side will be created by the new PTA board for review by members. The draft budget will be presented to the membership at the last meeting of the year (May 8th) for comment and approval.

- **Upcoming Events:**

- Apr 12- 4th Grade Field Trip to AmeriTowne
- Apr 17- Honor Choir Festival @ Vista Peak
- Apr 18- Super School News Taping
- Apr 18- Yo Craze Spirit Night 10:00 am-9:00 pm
- Apr 23- NJHS Induction Ceremony
- Apr 24- 5th Grade Music Program
- Apr 26 – 27 Immersion
- May 4- Early Release Day
- May 4- Star Wars Party
- May 8- Quest Teacher Appreciation Lunch

- May 8- Accountability and PTA Meetings
- May 14- Goodbye Party and Spirit Night at Bender's Brat Haus 5:00-8:00 pm
- May 17- New Parent Orientation Night (PTA Reps needed) 6:00-8:00 pm
- May 24- Last Day of School
- **Principal's Notes: Dave-** The two finalists for the principal candidates are meeting with the super intendent this week and we are hoping to have the decision in a week's time who the new principal will be. I would like there to be some transition time for the new principal to be involved in end of year activities. Finalists are Chris Chaperone from Murphy Creek and Kelsey Haddock from RMSEL.
- **AP Notes: Jesus-** the new principal will be invited to the new parents orientation night and the May PTA meeting.
- **Drawing- Chrystal won Starbucks gift card**
- **Adjournment:**
 - Motion- Alex
 - 2nd- Jim