



Parent Teacher Organization

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 2, 2023

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Board Members Present: Julia Halliday (President), Mr. York (principal), Lara Stout (lower grade teacher rep), Lisa Nielsen (upper grade teacher rep), Xiaoyu Fan (Chinese rep), Becca Bishop (secretary), Jessica Muelleck (communications and president-elect), Jen Preece (teacher support), Patti Harrison (Jog-a-thon), Susan McDougal (co-treasurer), Trina McCarthy (co-treasurer), Amy Bennion (room parents & art contest), Amy Kalbes (Health and Safety) Katie Eniss (SCC) Others: Amy Burton

Motion to Open: Julia Halliday, Amy Bennion (seconded)

Principal Report:

- Covid cases are still being reported
 - Pink eye and gastrointestinal are the main symptoms of kids
- STEAM NIGHT
 - Great event and great turnout. Nice to have people in the school. This is an opportunity to get to know your teacher and not behavior.
 - Great opportunity to build relationships and give tools for use at home.
 - Gives great insight for the activities that are going on in the school.
- FTE – full time employee number comes out next week.
 - We NEED numbers for students enrolled in kindergarten! We need these hard numbers so we know how many classes and employees for next year.
 - Week of FEBRUARY 6th! Register ASAP!
 - We don't want to have to let a teacher go because of the numbers.
 - Anyone who is moving in next year, please register!
 - Would be helpful to know what students will be doing DLI next year so we can have our numbers.
 - Want DLI to start high because class sizes will drop in size over time with move outs.
- Planning season for budgeting
 - Budgeting is currently being crafted for next year – TSSA and Landtrust
 - Mr. York saw that the Chromebook upgrades were not included and used this to plan in his budgeting ahead of time.
 - Might be able to pay for a teacher with TSSA money – depending on the level.
- Whistles for safety patrol
 - This can be funded from the school, not the PTO.

- STAFFING for lunch, custodial
 - Volunteers have been helping in lunchroom. This has been very helpful.
 - Teenager as a night sweeper in an adult role. He does ok, but it is difficult to be over your peers. Would prefer an adult that doesn't have to worry about reputation amongst peers.
 - Cafeteria – about \$13.75/hr. This is the difficulty with hiring because of the pay.
 - Sweepers
 - Flexible scheduling
 - Hires in the summer for deep cleaning

Teacher Reports:

- **Lara Stout (lower grades)**
 - Thank you PTO!
 - 3rd grade loved their field trip at the Clark Planetarium and Scales and Tails also came on Friday. This was fabulous.
 - Kids warmed up and really loved this.
 - RECESS
 - Reminder to bring in the recess equipment at the end of the day.
 - 2nd grade is the last grade of the day, please bring it in. Don't kick it further.
 - If anyone has boy jackets to donate, that would be great
 - March 2nd – Story Weavers
 - Battle of the Books – March 16th
 - Encourage students to read
 - Math Team – Through April 7th?
 - PTC DINNERS – menu will be sent to Mr. York with what we will be having
 - Catered potato bar
 - Soup night
 - Book Fair coming up.
- **Lisa Nielsen**
 - Thank you for the support on STEAM night! That was wonderful!
 - We appreciate you! Thank you PTO!
 - Service Project coming up. Fliers are coming out for Socks and Underwear.
 - Battle of the Books is March 16th. Please remind students to read and pass them off in the library.
 - PTC dinners – potato bar and soup note. Mr. York will send out the menu.
 - Story Weavers – March 2nd. Upper grades at 10:15 A.M.
 - Book Fair is coming with conferences.
 - Fliers and signups will be out soon.
- **Fan**
 - Chinese celebration
 - Chinese chair or person to be there all the day
 - Chinese cultural experience
 - Not too crowded time. People were excited about us shopping and wanted to send the kids to the school.
 - Good feedback

- Look on Jordan District facebook page and the district page.
- Chinese Book Fair
 - Parents will buy books and have the opportunity to buy books for their teachers.
 - Will Trina send out an email about just the bookfair, link, flier, promo code, and are able to update the google sheet.
 - Highlight what your priority is.
- Dance – some grades will choose to do this. Still deciding what they want to do for presentations. Last year, they had an end of the year showcase for the whole school. Or maybe just 4th grade will do it.
- Would Riverton High or Oquirrh Hills ever work to combine for a Chinese event?

SCC Meeting Update

- We have a temperature if it is too cold that it should be inside day. Looking into have a temperature for too hot.
 - This is an issue because we can't plant trees and have shade. Ultimately, we would like to have trees planted.
- FYI. There is a system in place for book reviews: "It's Christmas, David" and "The Witches" (not at our school level)
 - Presented if these should these be pulled from the shelves? There is a review process with 4 parents and 3 teachers review them. We have a team at the district that reviews these.
 - There are stipulations that should be made. What is the purpose of the book? What is the main idea? There may be one scene, but not the whole book.
 - There are different versions in book that may show up. There may be omitted scenes that show up in the elementary.
 - The decision was made to keep these books on the shelves

Picnic Table Update

- PTO will go ahead and look for bids on their own for the area behind the school for the outdoor learning area.
 - Concrete to be poured would be good. Mr. York will work with someone from the district and the PTO will start looking for bids and options.
- Look into the pricing for the cups for the back?
- Possibility of umbrellas with the tables and must have a way to secure them.

Super Field Day

- Super Field Day is Wednesday, May 31st and 6th grade celebration on May 30th.
 - Any interest on being on being on a committee for super field day?
 - Amy Bennion, Jessica Muelleck, Katie Ennis
 - Dunk tank is wonderful!

Service Project: Show you Care with Socks and underwear

- Fliers are going home next week on Monday with the deadline of parent conferences
- Post on social media

- Laundry hampers will be outside the doors so they don't have to bother the office staff.
- Reminder will be sent home with stickers in a little while.
- Extra need for UNDERWEAR! All sizes!
- Donations for period underwear?
- Maybe Doterra will donate for specific need

Fundraising

- Book fair is going. Advertising will begin next week.
 - E-wallets is a real thing to help students pay for books since they can come at recess. On the 22nd and 23rd.
 - Put away small things during recess
 - Still will accept coins.
 - Sign up is on help counter to help with this.
 - Teacher preview the week before. \$50 for each English class.
 - 50% of the money comes back for books. This is used for teachers, battle of the books prizes, and books for the library.
- AMAZON Smile is doing away with Amazon smile.

Valentine Parties

- Email sent out with date and the budgets.
- Avoid romantic things

PTC Dinners

- Potato bar catered and soup night and rolls
- Amy Bennion will help with tables

Story Weavers

- March 2nd – Hale Center Theater
 - 9:15 for younger grades and 10:15 for older grades.

Battle of the Books

- March 16th
- You can continue to earn prizes
- Medals – 1st place
 - ribbons for 2nd and 3rd

Additional Comments:

- Lost and Found – claim things and then donate to Riverton high school Lacrosse after conferences. REMIND to pick it up or it will be donated!
- ASSEMBLIES are a big hit!
- STEAM NIGHT – please take the survey

Motion to close: Amy Burton, Amy Kalbes (seconded).

Next Meeting: THURSDAY, March 2 @ 9:30 A.M.