



Parent Teacher Organization

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 4, 2024

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Board Members Present: Mr. York (principal), Jessica Muelleck (President), Trina McCarthy (Treasurer), Becca Bishop (secretary), Julia Halliday (volunteer coordinator, Patti Harrison (jog-a-thon co-chair, fundraising chair, book fair), Becca Price (Communications), Jessica Knorr (Chinese co-chair), Amy Burton (PE), Lisa Maxson (Chinese co-chair), Ms. Frohlic (teacher rep), Ms. Weenig (upper grade), Lay Kou (DLI representative), Candice Diehl (Battle of the books) **Others via zoom:** Tyler Steiner (Enrichment chair), Amber Elkins, Jessica Sabin (Historian), Amy Kalbes (health and safety), Jen Preece (musical)

Called to Order:

Jessica Muelleck (president), Becca Bishop (seconded)

Principal Report

- Zero advertising budget for DLI - using any effort to spread the word.
- Kindergarten enrollment and DLI enrollment.
 - Please share on personal Facebook and Instagram accounts.
 - Early registration for kindergarten is open. Best way to keep classes low is to have as many kindergartners registered ASAP. Our initial FTE allotment comes about the beginning of February. This is difficult to add to. So, it is important to have registration in.
 - This has been added to the website. Signage is going up. Printed posters for libraries, rec centers, day cares, and businesses. Kindergarten enrollment and DLI. Kindergartners that are out of bound can enroll if they have older siblings in DLI.
 - Current plan is to pivot to full day kindergarten program. This would give ability to maintain a teacher's job. This may mean bigger class sizes, but the benefit of full day will outweigh the larger class sizes.
 - Riverton city has an option that you can market to preschool owners.
 - Surrounding elementary schools will NOT let us present at their schools.
 - Reached out to Chinese-speaking church groups.
 - Chinese New Year Celebration – wider recruitment process
- DIBELS testing was AMAZING!
 - Best data for middle of the year testing that we have had.
 - Above average progress
 - Higher numbers of students are reading on grade level or above grade level.

- Southland is a B on school grade because we don't have enough English learners to get credit in that category.
- Overcoming COVID gaps.
 - Heggerty, phonemic awareness, walk to read, teaching rules of English (MSRC), deeper comprehension for advanced readers.
- More focus on Math because our reading levels are improving.

Teacher Updates:

- **Frohlich (K-2 Teacher rep)**
 - Recess equipment – let us know feedback about the new equipment.
 - Math Team – we need the forms from teachers in ASAP! Please
 - Teachers don't want to choose who they choose for math team.
- **Weenig (3-6 Teacher Rep)**
 - Thank you for all that you do!
 - MATH Team – choose your teams now!
 - We need parent forms back by Wednesday.
 - Kickoff assembly or go into classes to kick it off?
 - Weenig would love us to come into our class for a presentation!
 - Recess Equipment – we got new big tennis balls. Please give feedback.
 - Please don't take from the other grades items.
- **Kou (DLI Representative)**
 - Posters should arrive today for the Celebration advertising. Also includes a link to apply for the program.
 - 18 students from Riverton High School who volunteered to help us. None from the middle school. 5:30-7:30.
 - Work with an adult to run the activities. Pin making, crafts, games, etc.
 - Contact Laura Wan for NHS
 - Mr. York will reach out to the OHMS principal.
 - Number of volunteers and times – give the information to Julia Halliday
 - Volunteers for 2 different shifts and setup and cleanup
 - Send the sign up separate from the weekly email.
 - January 25th
 - Face Painting
 - Mary Gryphon for face painting? Find out information of what she needs.
 - Check the face painting in our Conex.
 - Prepare for long lines!
 - Did you decide the design for the dragon? One was the dragon head.
 - How many colors of each clip are there? What is the inventory?
 - Jessica Knorr can count the clips and get them from the Conex. Amy Kalbes has some in her garage as well. Can Amy count the ones in her garage and let Jessi know the number?

Enrichment

- **Math Team**
 - Later start this year, so we need the forms back IMMEDIATELY!

- We are in need of someone to run this program. We will have forms sent out by teachers are returned by Wednesday.
- **Battle of the Books**
 - Please encourage students to read more and turn in forms.
- **Musical Update**
 - Musical is going great and on track.
 - Costumes hiccup, but we are back on track with the costumes. Thank you for the extra money in the budget. Making more costumes that we can keep in our supplies.
 - Props are coming along.
 - Middle school is going to a wireless mic system. They have 2-3 microphones. Trying to figure out what we can do because we need 5-6 microphones.
 - Snacks cannot be eaten during the break – so they can have a snack before the musical starts. And they cannot eat it in the kiva. (eat in the hallway).
 - Encourage kids to cleanup.
 - We need parents to help take the students in the musical over to the musical before classes.

Socks and Underwear Drive

- Patti sent the information to Jen Preece and Lisa Maxson
- Sara Oswald is willing to do the flier or Patti can update the one from last year.
- Jessica will buy laundry baskets to use for the or use leadership budget to pay for it.
- Use the banner decorations from Patti. Patti will give them to Jen and update your flier. 2-3 laundry baskets.
- Lisa and Jen – setup, collection, etc.
- Start communicating in mid-January.
- Final pickup date is the week of parent conferences. February 21st and 22nd.

PTC Dinners

- Budget
- February 21st – potato bar
 - Cheese, sour cream, bacon, rolls, potatoes, salad, water
 - Turn in receipts.
- February 22nd – Ashley Rogers
 - Are there discounts available? \$11-15/pp
 - Jessica Muelleck will choose the meal.
- Let the teachers know ahead of time of the menu.
 - Ask if they have there are dietary needs that we need to be aware of with the menu that we might be able to accommodate.

Recess Equipment

- Recess equipment help for Amy Burton this week, but she will update us if she needs more help.

Scholastic Book Fair

- February 21st and 22nd

Motion to Close:

Julia Halliday, Amy Bennion (seconded)