



Parent Teacher Organization

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 2,

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Board Members Present: Mr. York (principal) Jessica Muelleck (President), Becca Bishop (secretary), Robyn Shelton (President-elect), Trina McCarthy (Treasurer), Jessica Sabin (Historian) Patti Harrison (jog-a-thon co-chair, fundraising chair, book fair), Jessica Knorr (Chinese co-chair), Mrs. Kou (DLI rep), Jen Preece (musical), Amy Kalbes (health and safety), Julia Halliday (Volunteer Coordinator), Jillian Koon (Teacher Appreciation) **Others via zoom:** Tyler Steiner (Enrichment Chair)

Called to Order:

Becca Bishop, Jessica Muelleck (seconded)

Principal Report: Garrett York

- Staffing will be one less than last year, but no one is being asked to leave. (Frohlic is leaving out of choice)
- Grade level changes are in place
- Kindergarten
 - Still up in the air what our numbers will be. Currently it looks like it will be one full-day and 2 half day classes. This could change if numbers increase.
- Be kind. Lots of staff are going through difficult things right now.

GRANT MONEY

- A lot of discussion was had as what to do with or grant money and the money we have for school improvements. Suggestions were as follows:
 - Outdoor
 - Ga ga pit?
 - Fix the table area? Could we cement the tables? Could we get rid of the fence
 - Parking lot
 - Trees
 - Indoor
 - Library furniture
 - Update the library with new tables, chairs, couches – make it more inviting.
 - PTO really liked this idea. Mr. York will start getting numbers on what this would look like.
 - Other ideas:

- Book vending machine for birthdays
 - Consensus was this would be hard to maintain. A lot of money each year.
- Entrance rugs positive messages
- Tables with flip-up whiteboards

Teacher Updates:

- **Richens (3-6 Teacher Rep)**
 - Are we remembering our rotation teachers for teacher appreciation? Make sure to include them
 - There was discussion of what more can be done to make sure that they feel part of teacher appreciation week.
 - Cards in the lunchroom?
 - Reminding parents to remember their specialty teachers
 - They are included in the lunch this year
- **Kou (DLI Representative)**
 - The DLI teachers would like to express their appreciation to the PTO and volunteers for their support of and help with the Chinese program this year. Thank you!
 - Chinese book wishlist has been sent out.
 - Can you update it with a spot to mark if you bought the book for the teacher?

Budget

- Do the rotation teachers feel supported? We as a PTO gave them less money this year because these were programs that could be funded by the school.
 - We still appreciate them. We are just trying to use school money and PTO money where they can be used. PTO money doesn't have as many restrictions.
 - Do rotation teachers know they have school money?
- How do we spend the grant money?
 - We want this to be a physical change, not just small amounts to little programs.

2024/2025 PTO BOARD

- We need to send out the form for voting this week. Probably should be sent out 3 times.
- Should be prepared to vote in May!
- Nominations were as follows:
 - President (Robyn Shelton)
 - President-elect (Katie Ennis)
 - Secretary (Trina McCarthy)
 - Treasurer (Becca Price)
 - Historian (Jessica Muelleck)
- Committee
 - Enrichment chair and committee
 - Spirit Chair and committee
 - Fundraiser chair and committee
 - Volunteer coordinator.
 - Book Fair
- PTO Bylaws need to be updated.

- Patti Harrison was nominated to update these with her thoughts on the changes and send them out.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS RECAP

- Books are being bought for next year already
- Amy Kalbes will help with buttons
- Jessica Sabin offered to help get the books in the system

6th GRADE CELEBRATION

- Plans for 6th grade celebration are moving forward
 - Hamburgers, chips, snacks, ice cream truck
 - Kickball tournament
 - Yard games
 - Slip n' slide
- Do we need a bigger budget? Just turn in receipts. But be careful about the precedent we are setting. Now all the kids want ice cream truck 😊

SUPER FIELD DAY

- Carnival – bounce house, face painting, popcorn
- Water area
 - Dunk tank, water game, snow cones
 - Suggestion that the water area have rotations because we don't want all 100 students at snow cones or dunk take at the same time.
- Volunteer Lunch
 - One hour where it is out (even though it looks like less on the rotation)

TEACHER APPRECIATION

- May 6-10
- Olympic theme
 - Teacher lunch on Friday May 10th
- Monday: kindness
- Tuesday: favorite color
- Wednesday: teacher note
- Thursday: Olympian Day
- Friday: Gift

Motion to Close:

Patti Harrison, Jessica Muelleck (seconded)