



Parent Teacher Organization

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 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), Shelley Beck **ZOOM:** Amber Elkins (jog-a-thon co-chair), Sara Oswald (historian) **Others:** Lisa Christensen, Amy Burton

Motion to Open: Julia Halliday, Becca Bishop (seconded)

Principal Report:

- Busiest time of year for Principal
 - Staffing, funding, master schedule for next year
 - Kindergarten numbers are far better than many of the other elementaries. We are in a better place because of the other Jordan schools do. There is still a lot of guesswork.
 - Most likely one full-day and two half day options. If we have more than one all-day kindergarten classes, we would run into space problems. This is because of desks, bathrooms, etc. They would not go in a portable. Portables should be for the upper grades.
 - They tried to take our portable from our school, but we are able to keep them at this point. Even brand-new schools are opening over capacity.
 - Fighting with the district to keep our staffing levels at the same as it is now. Theoretically, we should be losing 1 ½ Full-time teachers next year. Mr. York will plan our budgets around maintaining the number of teachers.
 - One grade level will continue to have large class sizes, but we may look for a full-time dedicated aid for that grade. (3rd grade next year). This will help to take some of the burden off the teachers.
 - 5th grade (6th grade next year) will have lower class sizes because we have more correct numbers this year.
 - DLI numbers are in a better place than they have been for the incoming first graders. Our DLI program is one of the best in the district (besides Eastlake which is a school with way more students). The goal is to have 2 classrooms of 28 students. This is because over time, students will drop out and the numbers will not get higher. Applications will be accepted until we reach those numbers.

- The problem is that some of these DLI students come from other districts or schools, so it doesn't alleviate the other class sizes.
 - Right now, we are looking at about 22 students per class for 1st grade next year.
- SCC
 - They will be discussing land trust money.
 - Walk to Read program is working and we are reaching different kids. We will probably continue to do many of the same things.

Teacher Appreciation:

- Teacher appreciation lunch
 - We are doing a lunch for the teachers since the meals got cancelled with our snow days. We are doing soups and rolls for the teachers.
- Teacher gifts in March or early April. We have a little extra budget since we didn't do one of the parent teacher conference dinners.
- Teacher appreciation week: May 8-12
 - Mr. York will provide the lunch on the Friday of teacher appreciation week.
 - You're a star theme.
 - Popcorn buckets with treat, gift card, etc.
 - Drawing for the 4 tickets (2 teachers)
 - Slideshow of pictures
 - Donations of gift cards, drinks, chik-fil-a - Still working to get more.
 - DAY 1: Breakfast and red-carpet day
 - Big star with teachers' names and little star with student's notes
 - Star outside the classroom
 - Pictures with fan club in kiva
 - DAY 2: Flowers
 - Popcorn and sodas
 - Have Simba there on flower day.
 - DAY 3: Chik-fil-A?
 - DAY 4: Treat yourself like a star.
 - Tapas, veggies, fruit
 - Sign up for massages!
 - Lotions and face pampering
 - DAY 5: VIP Luncheon
 - Black, red, stars, gold, etc.
 - Teacher appreciation for KIDS
 - Gold star sticker (Monday)
 - Vases (Tuesday) – borrow for teachers to use for the week.
 - Put tape on bottom with name if you want it back.
 - Dress up as your teacher's number one fan (Wednesday)
 - Fan Mail (Thursday)
 - Bring your favorite swag (Friday) – can we share their favorites lists.
 - Please send email to room parents
 - Don't use room parent fund for teacher appreciation gift cards.

- Let room parents know what the PTO is doing and that the room parent has a small responsibility.
 - Help Needed from PTO
 - decorating for Teacher Appreciation week – Friday, March 5th. (Posters come in from room parents that day)
 - Help with lunches setup- they will send signup.
- May the 4th: Star Wars characters coming? Amy Bennion will reach out to them.

VOLUNTEER BREAKFAST

- Jessica Muelleck will take point and do this.
 - She will make cinnamon rolls.
 - May 18th?: Have a breakfast in the Kiva.
- Volunteer drawing for tickets ~ at least 20 hours to qualify for tickets.
 - Julia will look at the hours and decide the exact number.
 - Details will be worked out.

Socks and Underwear Drive

- Approximately 190 packages of socks and underwear. Over 1000 items! Way to go!

Chinese Book Fair

- \$127.97 (from both years) to spend on the teachers – sold \$483 of books.

Musical next year (2023-2024)

- On the calendar for next year. February 7th-8th
 - School Matinee on February 7th (walking field trip)
- Practices will probably begin in October? Practices will be held on Monday and Wednesday.
- All kids 3rd-6th grade are invited - “Dig It.”

School of Rock:

- Can we do a walking field trip to their play in April. (2nd week of April).
 - Shelly will reach out to see about this.

Teacher Updates

- Lara Stout
 - Balls are still not coming in from recess. She will send another reminder out.
 - Battle of the Books
 - Battle of the books is an optional assembly for the students.
 - Changed the order of the rounds.
 - We will be presenting class awards and individual awards at the assembly.
 - Kids Marketplace is next Friday. Trina McCarthy is helping with that. Thank you!
- Fan
 - DLI end of year showcase.
 - 1st-4th grades are interested. We need to still coordinate to see if it can happen.

- Thank you for the donations for the Chinese bookfair.
 - We will have 1-2 more books for each teacher.
- Chinese decorations
 - Fire marshal might have a problem hanging. Decorations hanging from ceiling are temporary.
 - PTO can help take things down and put the Chinese decorations down.

Book Fair

- Huge thanks to Mr. York for allowing us to do one day book fair. The bookfair was open for 4 hours instead of 15 hours this year because of the snow days.
 - Thank you to parents for waiting in those LONG lines to come and check out books. Some waited 30-40 minutes.
 - Thank you to parents who offered to help. We only had 2 cash registers.
- Estimate of the book fair is over \$6000 in sales. We hit our 50% mark, so we get 50% back for our school. This was a huge success.
 - If it wasn't so crowded, it may have even been more.
- E-wallets had luke-warm participation. This was a great way for students to add last minute money.
- Many students had green light cards.
- Many teachers did not do wish lists and we did the best we could. Parents want to donate to teachers.
 - Can we come up with a new way to do teacher wish lists?
 - Baskets or another system.

Picnic Table Update

- Meeting next week to plan more fully about the tables.
 - planning about \$1000 for each table for industrial strength tables.
 - This is probably better than concrete. Water sits on top of concrete.
- Spend some of the extra money to do a mural on lunchroom to replace the leader in me tree since we don't have the rights to the rest of the leader in me items.

Motion to close: Amy Kalbes, Amy Bennion

Next Meeting: THURSDAY, April 6, 2023 @ 9:30 A.M.