



## Parent Teacher Organization

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 3, 2022

9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Board Members Present:** Julia Halliday (President), Mr. York (principal), Lara Stout (lower grade teacher rep), Xiaoyu Fan (Chinese teacher rep), Lisa Nielsen (upper grade teacher rep) Patti Harrison, (fundraising chair), Amber Elkins (jog-a-thon co-chair) Becca Bishop (secretary), Jessica Muelleck (communications), Susan McDougal (co-treasurer), Trina McCarthy (co-treasurer), Jen Preece (teacher support), Amy Bennion (room parents & art contest), Others: Amy Burton **Via Zoom:** Sara Oswald (historian), Candice Diehl

### Motion to Open:

Julia Halliday

### Budget and Spending Survey

- 122 responses to spending survey
  - Teacher enrichment fund 1<sup>st</sup> choice
  - School wide experiences 2<sup>nd</sup> choice
  - Property enhancements 3<sup>rd</sup> choice
- Other write in responses:
  - More field trips
  - school lunch
  - Space camp
  - Order books for battle of the books for classrooms
  - Playground shade
  - Large projects
  - Arts/music program
  - Benefit all students
  - Supplies for teachers
  - Bonus for teachers
  - Community STEAM night
  - Gate at the lower grade recess that can open and close
  - Increase in party amount
  - Science, hands-on activities
  - No more tech
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade would like a colonial presentation \$200 (5<sup>th</sup> grade experience)
  - Plan on January 6<sup>th</sup> (early in day because it is short day!)
    - 13th is the other option

- Budget is approved unanimously
- \$42 added to battle of the Books 775 + 42

### **Principal Report:**

- First indoor recess of the year yesterday
  - More selections of movies for indoor recess – watched a movie on the indoor stage
  - Kids were fairly happy
  - 19 degrees or lower is an automatic indoor
  - Judgment all on other days based of the amount of precipitation – Mr. York will go outside and test the weather to try to make sure he makes the right decision for most
- Uptick in the number of covid cases this past week.
  - We have been a little complacent. COVID is still here and we will see how difficult the winter months will be.
  - 7-9 kids missing in classes yesterday
    - Sick, tired, or still out of town?
- Staffing
  - Applicants are coming in for positions
  - Still turnover for the non-contracted employees – make sure our hourly employees are feeling appreciated.
- Halloween parade
  - Feedback: Cold and too fast
  - Parade was too wide
    - Could we set up barriers? Chalk, cones, or caution tape?
    - Hard to see in between the portables
  - Hooray for teachers and the costumes! Themes were awesome!
  - Teacher signs were great!
- Halloween Parties
  - Went ok.
  - Fingerprinting helped with problems for parents
    - A Couple people did not finish the process
- Symphony field trips are not part of the field trip funds – this is done by the district
  - Paid people at district office to get their CDL's
  - Symphony is a priority because it is part of our grant money.

### **Teacher Report:**

- **LARA STOUT (Lower grades teacher rep):**
  - Halloween was a smooth day. It is a long day for teachers
    - Thanks for the parents for the parties
    - Nice to have the parade outside
  - Budget approved:
    - Teacher discretionary \$9/student
    - Classroom enrichment \$6/student
    - TURN IN RECEIPTS!
    - Field trips \$9/student for first \$6/student for 2<sup>nd</sup> field trip
      - GET THESE SCHEDULED!!!

- BUSES are the hardest part. Get the buses now!
  - Remind lower grades to bring in their equipment after recess
- **LISA NIELSEN (upper grades teacher rep)**
  - Battle of the Books
    - We would love sets of Battle of the Books for each grade
    - Can we use the guided reading books for Battle of the Books? Mr. York will allow that.
  - School shirts for teachers that are different from the students
    - With a collar? Polos, long sleeve, etc.
    - Small school logo
    - A little more professional
  - Budget approved:
    - Teacher discretionary \$9/student
    - Classroom enrichment \$6/student
      - What enriches your classroom
    - Field trips \$9/student for first \$6/student for 2<sup>nd</sup> field trip
      - GET THESE SCHEDULED!!!
      - BUSES are the hardest part. Get the buses now! Buses are about \$5/student but can shift.
    - Please send out the final budget
    - 6<sup>th</sup> grade celebration \$750
    - Room parents \$9/student
    - 6<sup>th</sup> grade Halloween party all together – it was impressive! Repeat next year.
  - Teach line dancing to 6<sup>th</sup> grade?
    - Extra awkward. Socialization! Learn dances in P.E.
- **FAN (Chinese Teacher Rep)**
  - January 20<sup>th</sup> Chinese New Year school celebration
    - 3 rotations (9:00-12:30). 30 minutes for each grade
      - 10 minutes at each station (3 stations) – need parent volunteers for each station...this can be open to any parents. The parents will need training.
      - 6<sup>th</sup> grade DLI students will run the stations
      - PAPER CUTTING
      - CHOPSTICKS & Chinese Calligraphy
      - YO-YO and bird of foot juggling activity
  - Chinese Cultural experience – January 23<sup>rd</sup> (lower grade) and 24<sup>th</sup> (upper grade)
    - Assign tasks – look for certain things to answer the questions
    - Talk about what they did
    - Memory page
  - Chinese Book Fair
    - When would you like the Chinese book list submitted by? Have the list by Thanksgiving?

- Are we using the same website as we have previously?

### **Math Team**

- We need someone to head this up – Can we reach out to the parents that helped with it last year?
  - Jen Preece can help with finding people
  - Ask the Toponce family if they could run it?
  - Check to see if any coaches from last year are interested?
- MATH BEE
  - Drill and kill type of activities
  - Math Bee – every grade level has their math facts that they can do in their math bee.
    - Grade level
  - Do it in May after testing is over

### **Hale Story Weavers**

- They lowered their prices to \$500, so we are good to schedule
- February 27<sup>th</sup> or March 2<sup>nd</sup>?

### **PTO Service Project**

- Socks and underwear – a title 1 school in Jordan District
- PTO can lead it and let the service team be involved
- Westvale Elementary
  - Since this is a small number, PTO can maybe do a PTO transport
    - Lunch together? Meet with the student council?
- Do the sock and underwear drive in FEBRUARY during conferences
- Put the information on social media and in the email before Black Friday to let people know it will be coming up.

### **Battle of the Books**

- Story maps on the website
- About 140 people participating in the battle
- Prizes by Annie Oaks

### **President-elect**

- Need a president-elect. Any ideas?

### **Parties**

- Remind parents about the parties coming up for Christmas -
- Thank you to the office staff for all of the work they do on this stressful day.
- December 21<sup>st</sup> is the last day of school before the break.
  - Let teachers know if you are bringing in extra food that will take the students away from eating their lunch so they can relay that to the lunch staff.
- Do not use room parent fund for gift cards or gifts for teachers. This is for the parties

**Motion to close:** Amy Bennion, Susan McDougal (seconded)

**Next Meeting: THURSDAY, December 1st @ 9:30 A.M.**