



Parent Teacher Organization

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 1, 2022

9:30-10:30 a.m.

Board Members Present: Julia Halliday (President), Ashley Robison (president-elect), Mr. York (principal), Lara Stout (lower grade teacher rep), Xiaoyu Fan (Chinese teacher rep), Lisa Nielsen (upper grade teacher rep) Patti Harrison, (fundraising chair), Shelley Beck (spirit chair), Becca Bishop (secretary), Amber Elkins (Jog-a-thon co-chair), Jessica Muelleck (communications), Angie Haaga (Chinese), Susan McDougal (co-treasurer), Amy Bennion (room parents & art contest), Others: Amy Burton, Mrs. Stout (Teacher rep), Amy Kalbes (Health and Safety), Amy Burton (PE equipment), Kierstin Glenn, Shauna Haraguchi, Lisa Christensen, Candice Diehl, Katy Hansen, Katie Enniss. **Via Zoom:** Sara Oswald (historian), Trina McCarthy (co-treasurer), Jen Preece (teacher support),

Motion to Open: Julia Halliday

Principal Report:

- 680 students and about 40 teachers at our school this year
 - This may change with the transfer of records. October 1st is the day that the number of students at our school matters. The district will evaluate the number of teachers to students.
- Stage is complete as far as structure. Lighting and A/V components are a few weeks out.
 - The design for the stage with an accordion curtain disappeared. They need this for a sound barrier for PE, but also a classroom next door. This is 6-8 weeks out because of the delay. T
 - Occupancy is granted so the space can be used for gym.
 - We can use the stage for elevation for the jog-a-thon skit. We won't have lighting or sound at this point.
- School year off to a good start! No vandalism like we had at the beginning of last year.
- Kindergarten transition is going great! No tears on first day.
- Shoutout to the aids at our school. We are fully-staffed with our teachers. We still don't have a night-time custodian. Lunchroom is still short on staff. Still looking for a special education aid.
- What does the district do with our volunteer report? Shelley will look into it?
- Why are we a PTO and not a PTA? PTA has a more rigid structure. Our PTO wanted to do more and our own way.
 - Art competition stops at our district because we cannot be part of the PTA for reflections.

- Buses are still a HUGE problem. Be aware of bus problems.

Teacher Report:

- **LARA STOUT (Lower grades teacher rep):**

- Equipment
 - Ball and play equipment is currently in the 3rd grade/6th grade workroom. Amy has been filling and organizing the balls. The cart is very difficult to use because the kids cannot reach into them. 6th grade hates the cart in the workroom. It would be nice to keep it in the classroom. Reach out to the lower grade teachers and ask what they want? Flippy catchers are very fun. Jump ropes are always knotted. Can we hang the jump ropes?
 - What are the big buckets in the 3rd/6th grade workroom?
 - Can we use the buckets to fill the individual teachers buckets?
 - Mrs. Stout will go back to teachers and check what they would prefer?
 - Amy Burton will come weekly to fill balls and help with the supplies.
- Can teachers remind classes about t-shirts and push spirit Fridays. Teachers will send out the flyer.

- **LISA NIELSEN (upper grades teacher rep)**

- Great kids this year. Great start to the school year!
- Playground Equipment is in the way.
 - 6th grade equipment is already in the classrooms. So they are hoping to move lower grade equipment out.
 - Amy Burton will be filling up recess equipment. She will send out an email ahead of time and they can leave the equipment to filled out.
- T-Shirts. Please push the t-shirt orders. Flyer will go out tomorrow. Spirit Fridays will be back with Simba. Treats will be given for Southland and blue shirts.
- Jog-A-Thon Assembly: 30 minutes or less on September 13th.
- Jog-a-thon: have speakers on the edge of the grass. We will use the extension cords to push it out to the grass.
- Please push the art contest. Submissions are due the week of the 12th. Deadline is the 13th. There will be an assembly on the 15th for the winners.
- How do we get information to teachers? Pass down the information through the team-leads. This is a great way to pass the information to the teams.
- Teachers can pass out information for Battle of the Books at PTC
- MATH TEAM: Needs to be after school.
- Every minute matters in the classroom.
- We feel the support from the PTO. Thank you!

- **FAN (Chinese Teacher Rep)**

- Chinese field trip: (1st-6th grade) We really want to focus on the Chinese Culture. We hardly have anytime to celebrate culture and teach about culture. They need to learn the culture. This is part of the curriculum to experience culture. Take them to the Chinese grocery store to see the decorations. This is what you would see during the 15 days of celebration. Show the kids what they actually eat. The field trip will give

students to speak in Chinese all day long. They will be talking Chinese all day long. They will have the setting that Chinese can be spoken outside of the school.

- 1st-3rd: MONDAY
- 4th-6th: Tuesday
- \$1500 should cover the field trip and the Chinese New Year.
- Buddah Temple, China town in Salt Lake
- Panda express? Trying to contact to see if it is available to provide food. Still in the process of planning.
- Books needs for Chinese were met last year, so they want to spend the Chinese fund to fund a cultural experience and the Chinese New Year school wide celebration.
- Chinese New Year: School wide celebration. All classes. Do a carnival tyle.
 - Volunteers in charge of each table. EVERYONE can participate. This shouldn't be extra cost because the teachers can use their funds.
- What is in the closet? We will take inventory for you and let you know what we have.
- How do non-DLI students feel about the missed out field trip? About 45% of students are DLI.
 - The parent group was split with parents from both the DLI program and English only. (6 and 8). The discussion was had that this is not considered a "field trip," but a cultural experience that goes along with the curriculum. After much discussion, it was decided that they could use the funding for this purpose. They were not asking for additional funding that would take away from something else. Rather, they were using the Chinese funding in a different way in years past.

Breakfast Recap:

- Add Labels for granola: gluten-free and nut free option along with labels
- Drinks: Chocolate milk, orange juice, & water. (no need for white milk)
- Teachers really appreciated this! Thank you!

Back to school night:

- 15 minute rotation was difficult for families with lots of kids.
 - We don't have the parking space to have a more open format.
 - We need to keep the format as is.
- Can we coordinate to not have the same time as Oquirrh Hills Middle?
 - Mr. York will try to coordinate with the middle school next year.
- Video presentation 2 years ago was not worth the time and effort. Not enough people viewed the videos.
- It is a security concern to send out distribute school maps. Have a volunteer there to direct people where they are going to the school. Have some posted maps as well.

First Day of School Recap:

- Not everyone understood the point of the red carpet. Worked for kindergarten.
- Re-think it? Yard signs?

Green Ribbon Week

- Our green ribbon week was on the district page.
- Assembly
 - Kids came away knowing how to cross the street. Success!
 - Younger grades were monster-related.
 - Older grade assembly was not a good move to do Fortnite for the theme.
 - HATS, SOCKS, WALK to school, SIMBA will be there tomorrow with green shirt
- Keep the stop, look, & listen
- Can we use the walk-through fence to display things?
- It is not enforceable to have drop-off procedures.

ART CONTEST

- We have the judges and want to be able to judge after school hours.
 - Sign up genius. People who signed up for anything have not been part of this.
 - Send the link the PTO group me to be able to sign up.
- Amy has contacted companies for coupons and certificates.
- Amy bought ribbons
- All submissions due September 13th. Judges on the 14th. Mr. York will make this happen.
- Assembly with awards on the 15th. This assembly for all who participated. Certificate and coupons and pick a fun size candy bar. Kiva is reserved all day for the assembly. 2:00 assembly?
- Can we get the coins for the office?
- 11x14 is biggest size. Want to display them in the library.
- Budget for art contest is \$300 (preliminary).

JOG-A-THON: (Amber Elkins)

- Security: Parents are allowed to come even if not fingerprinted
 - Everyone needs to check into the office staff at the gate.
 - Because of structure of event, parents can come.
 - Stickers to put on all the younger kids who come so we know that they are not our students.
- Skit group are meeting to rehearse. Yay for gym!
- Prizes are all bought
- Sponsor update:
 - Goal to raise \$3800-4000. We will meet our budget that we need for our sponsors this year!
- Day of Jog-A-Thon
 - Need parent signing up. Help-counter link. We need track guides, daubers, and counters. All major positions are filled!
- Make sure to remind teachers to have students bring water bottles out.
- Do we need water bottles to spray? We have squirt bottles. Don't buy more. But use them!!
 - We have misters.
- Packets are 90% created. Just waiting for the rest of the sponsors. They will be given to teachers on the 12th to go home one the 13th.
 - Promote company matches!! We will submit something to companies if asked.
- What does jog-a-thon cover

- Field trips, room parents, teacher discretionary, teacher enrichment, dinners, super field day, 6 grade celebration, special weeks, breakfast, musical, simba, leadership team, spirit Fridays, math team, battle of the books, art contest, Chinese, disaster kits, bulletin boards, rock, playground equipment, art supplies, grade specific, recess equipment, buddy benches, school systems, fence clips, etc.

CHINESE FIELD TRIP

- Call it “Chinese Cultural Learning Experience”.
- As long as it goes towards curriculum, then we are ok. It’s a go!

PTC DINNER

- We will talk about it as a board

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

- Buttons
- Set date for March

RED RIBBON WEEK

- October 10-14

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- Room Parents
 - Budget comes after the jog-a-thon
 - Right now it is \$6/child (maybe more)
- Emphasize no dogs on campus. Please reiterate that in the school email. Don’t drop kids off on street.

Meeting motion to close: Patti Harrison, Amy Burton (second). Meeting closed at 11:15 A.M.

Next Meeting: THURSDAY, October 6th @ 9:30 A.M.