

PTO Meeting February 6, 2018

Came to Order at 7:00

Participants: Amy Soumar, Scott Kasik, Heidi Gawne, Laurie Conley, Maureen Spain, Stephanie Thomas, Laura Temple Wesley, Kristin Alfonsi, Kate Haarvei, Elizabeth Cruz, Kathy Dull, Jenn Harte, Kevin Cohen, Brigitte Brostrom

Welcome and Introductions:

January 2018 Meeting Minutes

Minutes Approved

Principal's Welcome/Report - Scott Kasik

Mr. Kasik reminded all of the email about Pennies for Patients which runs through February 23rd. It is a fund raiser to help individuals with cancer. Parent teacher conferences are this week. Reminder of email about principal interviews. The district is hoping to bring a candidate to the board by the end of the month. Mr. Kasik encouraged parents to participate in the process. School is in the process of planning activities for black history month. PARCC will occur in early March. Mr. Kasik thanked the PTO for the Trivia Night.

Treasurer's Report/Budget

Kevin reported that the PTO is doing well with fundraising. The PTO is surpassing projected fundraising with Trivia Night and Fun Run. There is a separate bank account for budgeting a year ahead. Last year had meeting to discuss what to do with surplus. Need to send email to teachers to request teacher grants.

2018/2019 PTO positions

PTO co-chairs want to start identifying individuals for positions for next year. Please reach out personally to others to fill positions. Emails will be sent to the community to identify individuals.

Water Fountains

A water fountain/filler was bought by PTO and District said they would pay to have it install. Cost of installation is \$1000 to \$3000. For a new water fountain/filler, cost is \$1000 to \$3000. Laura will gather an estimate for both fountain installation and a second fountain for the lunchroom. The original fountain can be installed near gym. A motion was made and passed to spend up to \$9000 for water fountain purchase and installation.

School Supply Kits

Kathy Dull shared the vender will reduce kits for families who require assistance next year. Others proposed an extra dollar fee for supplies for specials classrooms and teachers. Proposed ideas of adding to the bottom of classroom supply lists or having a supply drive at the beginning of the year.

Committee Updates

World Language - Lori not present

Whittier Wear - \$15 dollar Whittier Wear on sale. PTO has reached minimum contact. Flyers went home and information posted for conferences.

Trivia Night and Fundraising - Elizabeth shared the event went well. Event raised over \$8000. Event saved money on food, sold more beer and wine give away tickets, did well with on-line sales with Eventbrite. Idea was proposed to add option to purchase tickets on-line if unable to attend

April will have a Lou Malnati's night

Fun Fair March 3 - Looking for a person to assist

Next Movie Night Feb 23 Despicable Three

Book Fair - Need a volunteer from 3 to 6 on Thursday

Yearbook - No one present from yearbook committee.

Green Team - Meeting next Thursday planning for garden and what to do for Earth Week

Teacher Dinner is this Thursday Night and sign up is on the Digital Backpack for donations.

Meeting concluded at 8:15.

Next meeting will be March 6, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Harte

Secretary