

SEIS PTO Meeting

1/8/2019

Attendance: Mary Maccarelli, Kim Nalls, Liz Grohal, Lisa Schreiber, Stacey Alexander, Lynne Davis, Nicole Golden, Mr. Horton, Nicole Filak, Jen Davidson, Laura Nagel

Meeting was called to order at 6 pm in the library by President Mary Maccarelli. Motion was made to approve the Dec. minutes by Stacey Alexander and seconded by Kim Nalls.

Treasurer (Laura Nagel): New ending balance after income and expenses is \$27,275.82. Once all invoices are paid the amount will go down to around \$9,000.00. The budget is very tight. Laura strongly suggests that the budget for the beginning of next school year be set at the end of this year and to budget for what you have first. A suggestion is to see what line items are critical. It was discussed that the amount allocated for the Makerspace can be reduced as well as Yearbook expense, rename the Drama Fund to Musical, lower the amount for Staff Appreciation and eliminate Back To School Snacks. She handed out the treasurer's report Dec 1 to 31st and budget as of 1/8/2019. \$743.53 was brought in for box tops fundraiser. \$100.00 check was received from Bank of America that they matched for the Race for Education event. A vote was passed on the donation of money towards the school's GaGa pit (\$2,373.62). A motion by Nicole Filak to approve this transaction and Lynne Davis seconded the motion. The 5th grade field trip scheduled for May went over budget due to extra cost of the food voucher and transportation costs went up also. A motion to increase this budget by \$750.00 was put in by Kim Nalls and seconded by Nicole Filak.

Secretary (Liz Grohal): The January newsletter was sent out and submissions for the February newsletter are due Jan 28th.

Reports

Principal Report (Mr. Horton): The students are finishing up the novel Wonder and will be watching the movie. Parents' conferences are coming up at the end of the month.

Teacher Liaison Report (Nicole Golden): Book Fair dates are Jan 18th & 22nd preview days, Jan 23rd and 24th are student buy days. On evening of Jan 24th Book Fair is open to parents but there is a need for a volunteer to be there to run it. Pack up will be on Friday. We need to touch base with the Book Fair Chairperson to finalize these plans. Stacey Alexander volunteered to contact Martin's potato chips for mini bags of popcorn for the Reading Reward Challenge. There is \$75.00 in the budget for this but there is a possibility that these snacks can be donated.

Hospitality Report (Nicole Filak): Teacher conference dinner is Thursday, Jan 24th at 4:30. Subway subs are planned. Drink donations need to be in by Jan 18th. This request can be sent out through the Remind app.

Fundraising Coordinator Report (Tara Wilson-Absent): Seija Krakowski volunteered to run the Mixed Bags fundraiser. If PTO commits by Jan 15th, they will receive some freebies.

No Cost Fundraising and Spirit Nights (Lindsay Miller and Jessica Topmkins-Absent): Jan 14th Chick Fil A Spirit Night is scheduled. \$512.66 came in from the Giant A + Earnings.

Patriot Program (Mary Maccarelli): There will be meeting Jan 8th following PTO meeting. The field trip is scheduled for April 29th to Arlington National Cemetery and Pentagon.

Penguin Patch (Kim Nalls/Laura Cooper): A 5% bonus is coming to PTO, for signing on for next year.

6th Grade Party (Christy Eller): This event is planned for May 29th. She sent emails to volunteers about ideas which include a magician, wild-life animal adventure presentation and t-shirts for students.

Me and My Guy Dance (Lisa Schreiber): Donations are coming in slowly for the pop up boutique. Suggestion is to advertise the boutique at SEMS building and to speak to the guidance counselors. Angi Freitag has an idea to utilize the Kennard Dale Clothing Closet for this. This has to be coordinated with KD social worker. This event has a budget of \$250.00 and President Maccarelli will put in a building request for this event.

Kids on the Run (Kim Nalls): This program will start in March. Mr. Horton is taking care of the account setup for the coaches. More teachers are interested in participating, if not parents might need to become involved.

New Business: Christy Eller emailed suggestions for the boys event. Mr. Horton will check on a request to allow community news to be posted in the PTO newsletter.

Meeting Adjourned. The next meeting will be Tue Feb. 12, 2019 in the SEIS library.