

PTA minutes 3/13/18

In attendance: Craig Harlow, Amy Crump, Miriam Anderson, Catherine Van Fleet, Rachael Van Fleet, Peter Sabee-Paulson, Sarah Robertson, Laura Peterson, Alice Nielsen, Carol Andresen, Heidi Herring, Wendy Woottakewahbitty, Sami Al-AbdRabbah, Stacey Free, Melody Johnson, Joy Ueng, Nathan Gibson

6:05 Meeting commenced.

Rachael Van Fleet motioned to approve last month's meeting minutes, Peter Sabee-Paulson seconded.

Principal's Report:

- Franklin school brochures are done, thank you to Keri Taff for putting them together. A lot were passed out at the Franklin information night: 63 adults came, about half of which were kindergarten families.
- Washington D.C. trip soon!
- A political action committee has formed for the bond measure; if anyone is interested in helping, Laura will give more information about it.

Treasurer's Report:

- Dine out income from China Delight and Sky High totaled \$1,005
- \$160 donation from Kroger
- Sock hop income was \$449 but expenses were \$577
- We donated \$50 to the shared showing of Screenagers from new programming
- \$18 expense for cardstock for OBOB
- Overall, about \$5000 more revenue than we expected, but \$4200 more in expenditures, most of which is explained by the Jog-A-Thon, where the more money we raise, the more expenditures there are
- Funding request for \$10,000 for Washington, D.C. trip
 - Discussion from those attending:
 - How did this happen and how can we prevent it from happening in subsequent years?
 - There was a suggestion to create a fundraising manual with resources and guidance
 - Encourage students/families to start saving monthly starting in 6th grade
 - Plane and hotel fares have increased and are the biggest expense for the trip
 - Is this year an anomaly or a trend?
 - Four students have contributed less than \$100 each (the cost per student is \$1600)

- There are less fundraising opportunities than in the past; students working at OSU game cleanup is not an option any longer
 - Ideas for fundraisers:
 - American girl doll raffle, Staff tie dye shirt sales, spaghetti feed/craft fair
 - It also would be cheaper to go later in the year, like in April, after the Spring Break rush when fares are higher
 - Having a parent fundraising liason starting in 6th grade with a 2-year commitment would be helpful, as well as a 6th grade parent meeting to start fundraising efforts early
 - We could also have a meeting soon with the 6th graders to build excitement for their trip next year, both with parents and in the classroom
 - At some point, there will need to be new leadership stepping up to lead the trip; there is one new younger staff member attending this year
 - Peter brought up the potential for donations from outside groups if an official request was made from the PTA
 - The funding request was approved with 13 yes votes and 2 abstentions
- Funding request for presentation by author Katherine Roy
 - She is the author and illustrator of science based picture books for kids, and does presentations to schools and charges \$450
 - Alice Nielsen moved to approve the funding request, Stacey Free seconded

District Liason Report:

- The school board passed a resolution to support the 17 minute walkout during class in the high schools (according to policy, they have the right if it is organized ahead of time, and no funds are given other than those to ensure the safety of students)
- The school board endorses their speech and the march on Saturday, and encourages parents and the community to march
- There is a work session on Thursday at 6:30 pm in the district office
 - Will look at strategic goals and objectives: achievements, equity, real world readiness
 - Will look at priorities and how to measure progress on objectives
 - Can email Sami or the board about issues, or attend the meeting
- Regarding the bond measure
 - A different kind of fundraising – people can get a \$50 tax credit (\$100 per couple) each year for a donation for political speech

- Sami asked the PTA to endorse the school board, which will be listed in the statement listing those endorsing the bond measure
- They need volunteers for canvassing, phone banking, stuffing envelopes, can email Sami or sign up with Laura Peterson

School Lunch Parent Meeting Update:

- Nathan Gibson attended a food and nutrition services meeting where they addressed quality concerns and cultural inclusiveness
- Food services requested recipe ideas and distributed the required parameters for school lunches
- 34% of students qualify for free lunches, of these 75% of elementary students and 50% of middle school students eat school lunches
- Of the 66% who don't qualify for free lunches, 20% buy school lunch
- The district receives the same revenue for free lunches versus paid lunches
- Parents gave input that the school lunches were not nutritious enough, and the district countered that school lunches were healthier than most cold lunches students bring
- School lunch meat is prepared halal
- Gluten free options are available upon request
- Food services is operated independently from the school district, which can make communication difficult
- There is a follow-up meeting in April

Bond Endorsement:

- Laura Peterson moved to endorse the school district bond measure, and Stacey Free seconded

Standing Committee Reports:

- Next staff luncheon is May 9
- Dine outs: Yogurt Extreme on April 10 and McMenamins on May 25
- Garden Club: Website underway, there will be 2 sessions, 5 weeks each, and students may sign up for only one session so everyone can participate
- Beautification: A few new plants were purchased, need to dig out some stumps, planning a work day in April
- Spanish club is very successful – 15-16 kids meet Mondays after school
- OBOB: Finished for the year, with one team going to regionals. There is a Yogurt Extreme party for participants on March 21st, donated by Yogurt Extreme
- Popcorn Fridays: going great
- Student government: kids are doing a great job
- Spirit Wear: Flyers went home today and are due April 5

- MS Dance: April 13, Amy will organize it but would love some help

Old Business:

- MS Directory: Finished, and need to get it printed
- Playground cart: Finished! Thank you to Troy Brandt and his company River Design for purchasing materials and Brooke Running for building it
 - McMenimans donated a \$50 gift card which could be given as a thank you

New Business:

- Thursday June 14 is middle school commencement; Alice will help with organization and would like more volunteers
- Nathan Gibson suggested the idea of a knowledge fair where kids present posters across disciplines
- Meal train for Tina Smith: <https://mealtrain.com/dwomwz>

Announcements and Upcoming Events:

- April 10th: Dine out at Yogurt Extreme
- April 10th: PTA meeting
- May 7th-11th: Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 9th: 4th quarter teacher appreciation lunch
- May 19th: Fine Arts night