

PTA meeting 2/12/19

In attendance: Amy Crump, Craig Harlow, Rachael Van Fleet, Stacey Free, Mandi Martin, Stacy Miller, Terese Jones, Anna Friday, Brandy Stoffel, Troy Brandt, Melody Johnson, Brooke running, Keri Taff, Sarah Robertson

Brandy Stoffel moved to approve last month's minutes, Rachael VanFleet seconded.

District Liaison report:

- Sustainability meeting tomorrow night at Western Center by the school district office at 6 pm
 - Discussion last year about whether to move forward with plan
 - Decided to move forward with committee to work on plan for sustainability coordinator position
 - Want to standardize policies on recycling, composting, to consider what practices will yield the most return for the investment
 - Will present findings tomorrow night for school board to work on budget parameters
- Bond oversight committee update, predesign phases are out now
 - Will break ground oct/nov for Garfield renovation, will be done by end of school year
 - Next fall probably ask for volunteers for Franklin redesign committee with breaking ground for renovation the following summer, 2020.

Principals Report:

- Sustainability Committee- Mrs. Hawkinson is the district liaison and has talked with our staff about what else we can do to promote sustainable practices, including meeting with the PBIS team about including sustainability into the buddy program
- March 1 is Dr. Seuss' birthday and will be dress up as a book character day
- School wide book swap: K-5 is planned, will meet about deciding middle school book swap
- Open house is March 6 for families who want to transfer or enroll
 - General info in gym to start
 - Orientation in classroom for kindergarten, open house for middle school, can drop into classrooms
- March 7-8 is CVHS forecasting for 8th graders; during 7th period our students will get bussed to CVHS. March 8th is the open house, times will be in upcoming newsletter
- CHS forecasting information will come soon
- March 14-15 are spring conferences
 - Drop-in arena style for middle school
 - By appointment for K-5 and shorter than fall conferences; teacher will request conferences or parents can also request

- Youth truth survey was done in fall to hear student voices for middle school and high school students
 - Questions include how they relate to peers, how they perform in school, if they have an adult they feel they can confide in, a peer they can confide in, if they have a place they feel safe in, etc.
 - Some powerful info came out of survey
 - 3rd, 4th, 5th graders will do this survey in the next few weeks
 - Parents will also be surveyed
 - Would like to come up with strategies based on that data
 - Can compare our results with comparable cities based on demographics, proximity to university
 - Can make budget decisions based on data, showed big need for more mental health services
- 4th grade group has started a coding club for elementary students
- 5th grade group started a student newspaper

Treasurer's Report:

- \$15,732 income from fundraising this year from events! Projected total was \$13,300
- \$850 income from rebates like Fred Meyer, benefit app, Amazon smile
- \$680 from China Delight dine out
- Walking path budget has \$514 left in the budget report, it's actually \$14.50. There was some miscommunication with staff turnover and a company donation didn't come through after all. It was to be used for filling in the gravel in the future when it settles.
- Love and Logic budget approved previously, most will be used for childcare and dinner costs for the ongoing class
- Budget seems right on track, with potential surplus at the end if we spend at the same rate
- Funding for choir in the budget, she wants check after program is done
- Funding request: Sarah Juranek would like to start an after school coding club. She used to work at HP and has lots of experience. We don't have numbers to vote on, so we will discuss next month. Randy Willard would be willing to help too; he is currently working at HP.

Standing Committee Reports:

- Science night: Melody Johnson, science night coordinator
 - Science night was awesome!
 - She received great feedback from demonstrators, especially the Audubon women, as well as families who attended
- Sock hop: need volunteers! Will be February 15th from 6-8 pm
 - Kids will get tickets to use for pizza and Italian soda, with extra tickets available for purchase
 - We need more cakes, cupcakes, and cookies, etc. for the cake walk

- Would be helpful to hire extra custodial help for after the event
- Request was made to not use latex balloons out of consideration for allergies
- Movie nights:
 - March 8th
 - The Thomas family has been coordinating these events and would like to have another family take over. It's a pretty light commitment, with three movie nights per year. Finding an age appropriate movie is the biggest challenge. Snacks are from Winco and popcorn is from Regal. It was proposed that Tara could make posters to advertise that we are looking for someone to take over this volunteer role.
- Dine outs:
 - Sky High on Wednesday February 27th, dinner only
 - McMennamins on April 29th, dinner only
 - These need to be added to the school calendar
 - It was brought up that Corvallis Paint and Wine does fundraising events as well, with 20% of the purchase going to the organization. Perhaps we could set this up over the summer?
- Box Tops: Matilda is the volunteer coordinator and will do another drive for the spring
- Spanish club: Unfortunately this will be ending. Claudia has accepted a full-time position with the district and will be unable to continue the club
- OBOB: Battles have begun and kids are excited about it!
- Popcorn Friday: Kari and Amy have been making lots of popcorn and the kids are loving it. Middle school students are still paying a nominal amount and that seems to be working fantastically
- Food Pantry: Mika is coordinating, and is spending about \$100 per month. Snacks are purchased and getting eaten. The focus is on health snacks such as protein bars, jerky, and cheese. Mr. Harlow has also used this snack time as an opportunity to sit and chat with these students. The idea of sending some snacks home for the weekend with students was proposed. The district claims we don't have a high enough proportion of free/reduced lunch students to support such a program. Terese mentioned advocating for this and reaching out to Chris Hawkins, the student support specialist.
- Staff Appreciation lunch: Some last minute scrambling for this one, but lots of food came in! We need to request an email blast for this from the office. It was observed that people usually need to see an email asking for help three times before they respond, so more publicity is needed. Including it in the Friday newsletter and putting it on the facebook page would be very helpful. Need better communication in the building!

Old Business:

- Love and Logic class: Is going great! Dinners are from Fred Meyer, Katie Taylor is organizing child care through her Little Gym business. Vicky and Steve have gotten fantastic reviews from participants in the class. We would

like to offer this again next year, and invite teachers to participate as well. This would facilitate the same language and strategies to be used at home and school.

- Math Counts: Franklin came first in the regional competition. They are moving on to state next. This is a PTA sponsored after school club for middle school students in coordination with Mrs. Huang, a middle school teacher. We would like to continue this program.
- Washington, D.C. fundraising: PTA is encouraging and helping to support fundraising by 7th graders for the upcoming trip. The new 7th grade teachers are in support of continuing the program, but are wanting to see how it works before they commit. We are in transition this year with lots of new middle school staff. Fundraising includes pie sales, Papa Murphy's gift cards, raffle, and car wash and garage sale.
- Choir: is being led by Christina, a grad student at OSU. 17 students are participating and are very enthusiastic. The cost is \$135 for 6 weeks and is a graduate program project. We are hoping they will be able to perform at Fine Arts night.

New Business:

- Core Knowledge Training
 - There is a conference coming up that we could send two teachers to. Starting to brainstorm possibilities since there are so many new teachers this year. We have \$5000 budgeted for this purpose.
 - We have professional development funds for the principal from the district.
 - We also can seek funding from the foundation. The early bird registration deadline for the June/July conference is March 27th.
 - Kickin' Cancer, James Warren Legacy fundraiser: interest in fundraising for cancer survivor families, but is probably outside the scope of the PTA at this time.

Upcoming Events:

- February 15th: Sock Hop, 6-8 pm
- February 25th-March 1st: Read Across America
- March 6th: Third quarter staff appreciation lunch
- March 8th: Movie night/7th grade fundraising
- March 12th: Franklin PTA meeting, 6 pm