

PTA minutes 9/11/18

In attendance: Stacey Free, Heidi Herring, Craig Harlow, Amy Crump, Mandy Martin, Jamie Petts, Jamaal Banjar, Anna Friday, Kristina Banjar, Keri Taff, Joy Ueng, Marganne Huang, Brooke Running, Sarah Robertson

6:10 meeting commenced.

Stacey Free moved to approve last month's minutes, Keri Taff seconded.

Principal's Report:

- Curriculum night is September 25th
 - School messenger system will send reminders to parents
 - Elementary, 6-7pm, will begin in the gym, followed by two classroom sessions
 - Middle school, 7-8pm, will begin in the gym, parents will rotate between classes following their child's schedule
- Band program update:
 - position has been posted, will be a stipend paid for the PTA, is allowed since it is an after-school program
- Elementary music teacher position:
 - has also been posted, ideally this person would also run the after-school band program
- Washington, D.C. update:
 - The three retired middle schools teachers that were instrumental in organizing and running the trip have agreed to help with planning and facilitating a trip for this year's 7th grade class
 - Timeline for the trip will be dependent on the teachers and could happen either late spring 2019 or possibly fall 2019
 - There will be a trip meeting on September 25th following curriculum night

Treasurer's Report:

- First month using the new software, Money Minder
- Income: \$119.81 from rebate fundraisers (escrip, Fred Meyer rewards, etc. are now all lumped together in one category)
- Money left over in technology fund (\$534.29) and money left over in garden club (\$783.00) are not reflected in the new software
- Funding requests:
 - 1. PTA training conference for Amy and Brandy, will cost \$25 per person
 - 2. Zach Bryant for earbuds to use with Reflex math program, a 2-year supply of 70 pairs is \$122.50
 - 3. Bridget Eby for a whiteboard easel, will make it easier for her to present materials at kids' eye level and also store materials, \$209.99

- 4. Zach Bryant for a gathering place rug for reading, as a part of the new language arts curriculum, two options, \$374.99 or \$243.99 (more expensive option is stain-resistant)
- 5. Rachel Sanders for clay and glazes, \$434.40, which is 500 pounds of wonder white clay, 100 pounds of cherry creek clay, and 16 colors of glazes
- 6. Marganne Huang for Reflex math licenses for 30 4th graders and 30 RTI students (again raises the question of where funding for these apps is supposed to come from and how sustainable they are)
- All funding requests approved by vote

Standing Committee Reports:

- Back to school tea- Keri Taff
 - So well attended the coffee ran out! About 65 people came
- Back to school BBQ- Keri Taff
 - will have hamburgers, hot dogs, and veggie burgers
 - Green Girl will loan the school about 100 dishes for the event to reduce waste
- Jog-A-Thon- Jasmine Woodside
 - Could the kindergarteners use the new walking path this year?
 - Still working on prizes
 - Need lots of volunteers still!
- Dine outs- Brooke Running
 - Next dine out is October 2nd at DiMaggio's Pizza
 - Trying to coordinate with the new owners at Bellhop for November
 - December will be Dutch Bros
- Box tops- Matilda
 - Look for collection sheets coming home, will have a contest between classes
- Book fair-
 - October 17th
 - Still have \$387 for the new librarian to spend on scholastic books for our library
- Garden club- Heidi Herring
 - Will have picking party tomorrow
 - Garden club will be off for fall but will resume in the spring
- Beautification-
 - Need to clean out the rest of the east side of the school
 - Will plant more in the fall, possibly have a work day
- Languages-
 - Spanish club is starting in a couple weeks
- OBOB-
 - Starts October 4th
- Popcorn Friday-
 - Will happen once each month

- Food Pantry-
 - Still trying to determine who will run it
 - Will provide a quick, nutritious snack for those in need
 - Has a budget this year
- Friday Folders- Mandy Martin will be in charge of this
- Safety patrol- Carol Brees
 - 5th grade families volunteer for the morning shift, need more volunteers!
 - Paid staff run the afternoon shift
- Science night- Melody Johnson
 - No updates yet

Old Business:

- Walking path- Laura Peterson
 - Huge thank you to Laura Peterson for making it happen!
 - \$5500 raised to pay for it
 - Brooke Running and her husband, and other volunteers helped to dig out the trail, lay cloth, and spread gravel
 - School-wide dedication ceremony yesterday
 - A drone photographed everyone at the ceremony from the air
 - Students ran a victory lap
 - Will also be beneficial for kids who need a behavior break
- Washington, D.C.-
 - Fundraising is underway
 - Sent a signup sheet around for helping coordinate fundraising efforts
 - Will provide a packet of fundraising ideas to parents at curriculum night

New Business:

- Open PTA positions-
 - Jog-A-Thon organizer; could help this year to train
 - Back to school BBQ
 - President in training
- Brooke will purchase new playground balls

Upcoming Events:

- September 14th: Back to School BBQ, Science Olympiad parent info 7:45-8:15pm
- September 25th: Curriculum night, Elementary 6-7pm, MS 7-8pm, Washington D.C. information meeting 8-8:30pm
- September 28th: Picture day
- October 2nd: Dine out at DiMaggio's Pizza
- October 9th: PTA meeting, Franklin library 6-8pm
- October 12th: Jog-A-Thon

Meeting adjourned at 8:10.