

October 9, 2018
PTO Meeting Minutes

Principal's Update – Kurtis Sufka

- Pat Fullerton (PCMS) will be picking up the PTO's old popcorn machine.
- Box Top Collection: Jessica Keck will be emailed to see if she is still interested in running the Box Top Collection and what ideas she has for collections. If she is no longer interested in running them, Jane Hinderman has already volunteered to take this over.
- Glenbrook will once again be hosting various reading events (ex. Pillows & Pages). Kurtis will work with teachers to get some events on the schedule.
- Requested funding from PTO to cover costs of a PBIS speaker. Will be approx. \$500.
- Gaga Pit Update: Everything is set, regarding insurance, for installation. We're now waiting on feedback from Hillcrest and Lannoye regarding the flooring they have inside the pit.
- Teachers have been able to take the miscellaneous supplies from the PTO room that the officers decided were not needed.

Financial Update – Raina Burton

- Handed out the Treasurer's Report. We have a balance of \$7,734.69 after paying for the Artist in Residence, the 4K field trips, and the first payment of the K-5th grade field trips.

Community Updates/Upcoming Events

- Tracy Wiedeman, Sarah Olson, and Nicole Diemel delivered a presentation about the Wild Card Initiative, a way of teaching they learned at the Get Your Teach On conference in Washington D.C. It is a way to teach that provides an uncommon experience for the students who, in turn, show an increase in engagement, effort, and positive attitude. They have offered 5 classes throughout to teach/coach interested staff in how to implement these techniques in their own classrooms. They are looking for \$706.42 to pay for the supplies needed for the 37 teachers/staff who signed up. They have applied for a PACE grant to cover additional costs. Kylie Rutkowski made a motion and Emily Tewes seconded it to grant them the funding. Raina Burton amended the motion, requesting that \$1000 be given to the initiative in order to pay for extra supplies if any teacher who did not initially sign up changes his/her mind. Emily Tewes seconded it and it was unanimously approved.
- Becky Backes, 2nd grade parent, presented \$200 to the school. Her employer, Exelon, donates money based on the number of hours spent volunteering in one calendar year. Her next benchmark is 40 hours to receive \$400.
- Hansen's Fundraiser started Oct. 4th. We will ask for volunteers to assist with the pickup on Nov. 15th at the Nov. 6th meeting.
- Our first DQ Night is on Oct. 23 from 4-8pm. Jane Hinderman will be contacting teachers to volunteer at the event.
- We were hoping to do Art to Remember this fall so that items could be purchased as possible Christmas gifts. The time frame was too tight to have the artwork done in time

so it will stay a spring fundraiser. We will start planning in spring for doing this fundraiser next fall.

- The check was received by our Artist in Residence, Uno, Dos, Tres, Andrés, and everything is booked for Feb. 11-15. Due to the Snowball Social on the 15th, we will do an event kickoff rather than a wrap-up.
- Family Fun Night still needs a few people to head up parts of the event. Hilary Klevesahl will put together a description of each part and send out a Signup Genius link to all of the people who expressed interest in volunteering for PTO events.
- Penny War: Instead of pennies being positive and everything else negative, we will plan on everything being positive. It was suggested that the Penny War wrap up at the Snowball Social. It is still undecided if the war will be between grade levels or classrooms. Prizes would be chosen before the start.
- Lara Kuchenbecker was working on changing the PTO Fund Request Form to a Google Doc. A reminder to teachers to utilize this will be put in the Red Raider Report.
- Tracy Wiedeman inquired if the PTO would be open to giving a set amount of money to each teacher to use on classroom supplies. This could be in the form of a gift card. Due to the difficulty of making sure this money would go to supplies – though there is no question that teachers spend a lot of their own money on supplies throughout the year – we are hesitant to just hand over money that way. Instead, we discussed sending a survey to teachers to find commonalities in what is needed for their classrooms.

The next PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 6th at 6:30 in the Library. We hope to see you there!