

PTO Board Meeting on April 4, 2019

Minutes Meetings:

Principle's Report –

- Staff Updates:
 - Liz Bauman, Teacher Consultant, is on leave. Judith Lithroth is long term sub.
 - Auddie Hann, starting April 15, as a new, full-time special education teacher (teacher consultant). Currently long term sub in place. Moving from Haisley.
 - Mr. Madison is healing well, but will not be able to return until early May.
 - Ms. Beal will continue 3 days a week (M,W, F) and a new retired principle, Joan Fitzgibbon, will be joining two days a week.
- MSTEP tests will be underway next week for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. Used to be MEAP. Administered. Mostly on computers.
- AAPS Climate Survey sent to parents. Results are used for school and district improvement planning. Available through April 19.
- 3rd graders had Leslie Science Center in recently.
- Mobile Dentist onsite 4.4.
- Teachers were presented with new district goal-setting plan. During professional development in April, teachers trained on setting goals with students. Using Seesaw to encourage students to set goals. Gentle roll out to encourage adoption this year.
- Ms. Posey's class will be sharing biographies on 4.4 at 3:00pm.
- Disability Awareness Workshop is next Friday, April 12 for 4th graders to learn more about life as a person with a disability. Volunteers needed.
- Next week 5th graders have healthy heart experience at St. Joes to learn about hearts and lungs.
- Title 1 is hosting a Math game night next week on Thursday, April 11 6-7pm.
- PTO closet was cleaned out and organized so that it could be used safety drills when needed. We will create a WESO rack to improve organization.

New Business -

- Lifetouch – decided not to do family pictures over ice cream social.
- Silent Auction:
 - Lauren and MaryEllen doing it again next year
 - Strengths:
 - It was fun to have activities to do
 - Success financially - Auction Numbers: Budgeted \$10,000 Net Revenue and we came in at \$10,900 after expenses.
 - Increased attendance from prior years
 - The room was laid out to make it look more cozy.
 - Set up of items was more accessible
 - Theme was casual. No dress code was helpful. = Comfort
 - Good advertising of the event
 - People really like seeing teachers/staff, bidding on classroom art and teacher activities
 - Liked putting things on a discount table for items that did not go the first time.
 - Opportunities:
 - Missed some items because they were already closed out. Perhaps color code next year.
 - Live auction – cut off the music; something to elevate the speaker; might do less live auction events and do more raffling options

- Online bidding in advance of the auction to generate interest or provide an option for people who can't attend.
- Starting bid should be highlighted on the bid pages.
- Classroom baskets take a lot of effort and the baskets did not always go for the amount invested; consider big ticket items vs. basket of items.
- Ice Cream Social is coming up. We need chair(s). Need a brainstorm on activities because no blow ups. Recommendations: U of M outdoor center, outdoor bowling and bocce and large chess, train, dance revolution or dance station. Try food truck – but, you have to guarantee a minimum. Janine checking the PTOC list for other ideas.
- Consider new positions and provide Carrie with thoughts on next year's positions.

Report Outs:

- EGGS is not doing as well. Script did not. Box Tops, Amazon Smiles, and Dicken Swag did not hit goals. Because we did really well with Dash and Auction, we are still pretty much on budget.
- Original Works order extended to April 7, 2019 at midnight.
- Need to have teachers/staff cash their stipends issued last Spring.
- Yoga Night coming up on April 15, 7-8:30.
- Check library chart for books. Nicola's event is starting April 7. Tammy and Ms McCale attended the book sale at Sheridan and got lots of books!
- Recommendation: Put the fliers in the teacher's mailboxes rather than leave for office staff to distribute. Carrie can share teacher count.
- Movie Night: Friday, April 26. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory selected. Has to happen after 6:30 due to Aftercare. Fliers to be sent home. Note: Each child must be accompanied by their parent/guardian. Can bring pjs, blankets. Admission and popcorn free. Juice, water and la croix to sell.
- Dicken shirt designs – Have order form (with design) at the meet and greet in the Fall. Consider t-shirts, shorts and water bottles.
- Teacher appreciation week – Room parents will figure out what they are doing with understanding that someone will do something for each teacher/staff each day. Tammy will send some suggestions for those who want recommendations.
- WESO – Blast going out next week to recruit volunteers for the day of the event; message sent to families.
- PTOC – Next meeting on April 15. Focusing on assessments and how they are used to set goals and focus learning plans for students. May meeting will be a recap of the year.
- One more official PTO meeting and then we will have our annual celebration dinner in June.
- Kim to send out sign up genius for Ice Cream Social.

Teacher Liaison Report –

- Teachers enjoyed the Silent Auction. Ms. Posey provided feedback from the teachers regarding letter sent home to request donations for people who did not attend the fundraiser; it was not sent to avoid concerns regarding feeling that it was minimum donation required. We will consider ongoing auction on facebook for items that do not go after the event.
- Changes will be made to the calendar next year so that we can reduce costs

Meeting adjourned at 9:01.

Submitted by: Kim Walsh.