

PTO meeting minutes 11/5/2019

Location: Jacob Wismer library

Date: Tuesday, December 3rd, 2019

Time: 6 pm

Attendees: Priya Mani, Shalini Sivas, Margarita Aryviano, Alexandra Yau, Pooja Madan, Amy Roskowski, Allison Guilfoyle, Joan McFadden, Cara Coates, Shauna Rakshe

Agenda items

1. VP fundraising report
 - Nothing new
2. Principal's report
 - Lori is getting 3 bids for the TVs since such a big purchase, looks like Best Buy might be best deal; thank you for funding
 - Meeting in staff room because district decided that events without a monitor must be on outside of fire door, since inside there are so many valuable tech devices. Also outside door must be open for only 30 min. So from now on, PTO meeting will be in staff room.
 - STEAM night change: grade level facilitators asked to not have STEAM night so close to conferences, as this is hard on staff ; next is May 21st. They asked to make hours earlier (5-6, 6-7) so easier on kids.
 - Erika is at elementary mental health task force meeting; nothing to report.
 - Will talk to Erika about yoyos and get back to PTO
3. VP community events report
 - Walking school bus: last one had 16 total on one side, 15 on the other. Mr. V will do this Dec. 9th one too.
 - Vote: \$20 gift cards for Starbucks to thank PE teachers for leading these walks even after initially-agreed commitment. APPROVED.
4. Treasurer's report
 - Benevity payment came in. Final is we made \$104,500 (this is net minus fees, etc).

- 5th grade activities: Going back to Biztown. On Wednesday of last week of school, 5th grade will go to Superplay (on school buses) for party, same cost as last year. Sarah Sperbeck in charge of memory book, have parents who will take care of taking pictures. Biztown requires charter buses, so this plus program fee costs almost \$5k. Have asked PTO to donate \$2k to cost of charter buses/Biztown. Will use movie night to fundraise, goal \$1k. Will also charge parents, about \$25/kid.
 - How will Biztown money be collected? Will all this be one check or will Biztown collection be online through school? One check through PTO (letter to parents will have it broken down to show where the money goes), then will write a check to school for field trip.
 - Want to set up a sustainable budget so that is why PTO is not fully funding Biztown in budget for upcoming years. Also PTO doesn't pay for other grades' field trips.
 - Amy will check with 5th grade teachers re: 3rd class party funds, then can move \$300 for that party to the end-of-year party fund.

5. Secretary's report

- OBOB: registration is over. 24 or 25 teams signed up. Books are in library. All the individual signups found teams (Ms. Le helped with this). School is registered, bought practice questions; these were given to parent coaches. Chairs for every grade. Battles will start Jan. 13th. Battle schedules aren't announced yet. Fewer teams mean 3 battles per team, with a week or so in between to change strategy, study, etc. We have enough volunteers to take care of battles, with teachers to moderate sweet 16 battles. (One year the final battle was an assembly.) Regionals are 1st weekend in April, so lots of time to do sweet 16 etc. Cochair's idea was great, very useful to chair in organizing and be moderators and help with ideas.
- Passport. Postcard idea to JW journal. Repeat last month's effort with grade level emails and 10 copies/class.

6. Volunteer coordinator's report

- Upcoming volunteer needs (Pooja)
 - Book fair volunteer setup is up and running today.
 - Cookie treat email will go out tonight. Still need some cookies /sweets, international is fine.
 - OBOB volunteer spots: need date/time, number of volunteers.

7. PTO liaison grade level report

- 4th grade proposal: books for new social studies unit. Shauna will email them regarding date when funds from proposal would be needed/questions.

K - In kindergarten we have just completed a cultural unit on the Wampanoag people, "The People of the First Light," the indigenous people the Pilgrims first met. This interactive "lap book" was a hit with the children and we are very proud of their efforts and hard work.

In December we begin a literary study of the similarities and differences between many versions of Gingerbread Man stories. We are busy, busy!!

1st -In first grade We finished a unit on our healthy body. We were working on number combinations to 20. In Reading we finished a unit on READERS HAVE BIG JOBS TO DO. In Writing we are finishing up our unit on personal narratives.

The first grade would love to have more assemblies catered to k-2 grade levels. An example would be in art, dance or music. This is a response to you asking what each grade level would like with pto funds.

2nd –

3rd – We are all beginning nonfiction reading and Informational writing.
In math, we are wrapping up our Multiplication and Division and then we will move into measurement.
Next Science Unit: force and motion

4th- Grade is working on:

Writing - writing opinion pieces

Reading - nonfiction and getting ready to research weather

Math - Working through Puzzle Packing Place Value.

Salmon! Learning about the life cycle and different inside and outside features of the salmon.

5th - Fifth grade just wrapped up our journalism unit in writing and is beginning the exploration into Literary Essay. For reading, we are starting our nonfiction units which look at complexity. In math, we are in the middle of our adding and subtracting fractions unit with the Field Trips and Fundraisers part of the curriculum. We just finished our explores unit in social studies and will be moving into our science unit on space very soon. We are also very proud of Raaga for representing our grade level and school as the next kid governor for Oregon.

Music - All grades

- Rhythm games I learned at today's Professional Development
- Xylophones/glockenspiels/metallophones
- Sing along

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PTO Request from Fourth Grade

Proposal: The Units of Study for “Bringing History to Life” will be changing this year to focus on Westward Expansion to align better with the Oregon Standards for Social Sciences.

We do not have the mentor texts needed to teach this unit. Carrie Kunert, a BSD ELA Tosa, who is revising the unit, and Rachel Guevara, fourth grade teacher, have some suggested mentor texts for the unit. We are requesting to purchase these texts for our classrooms.

Mentor Texts on Amazon:

Surviving the Journey by Danny Kravitz Library Binding \$15.93

Daily Life in a Covered Wagon by Paul Erickson. Library Binding \$19.80

All About American Wagon Trains and Settlers by Ellen B. Tobras Library Binding \$19.99

They're Off! The Story of The Pony Express by Cheryl Harness Hard Cover \$8.99

John. Sutter and the California Gold Rush by Matt Doeden Paperback \$8.10

Rachel's Journal by Marissa Moss Hard cover \$11.44

Life of a Miner by Bobbie Kalman Paperback \$7.95

Soft Rain. A Story of the Cherokee Trail of Tears by Cornelia Cornelissen Library Binding \$5.99

Shi-shi-etko by Nicola I. Campbell Hardback \$13.60

Shin-chi's Canoe by Nicola I Campbell

I am the Dog/I am the Cat by Donald Hall Hard cover \$14.22
The Other Side by Jacqueline Woodson Hard cover \$13.59

Crossing Bok Chitto by Tim Tingle Hard cover \$19.95

Subtotal: \$159.55

X5 teachers \$797.75

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

The Fourth Grade Team

Rachel Guevara, Maggie Hanson, Avi Huelskamp, Tori Richardson, and Dan Silver

8. New business/adjournment

9. Check with Jennifer Pollisch re: movie night. It's in January this year (17th). What movie?
Moved from April to January.

Action items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
Arrange for snack fund with Lori Secker	Cara Coates	Dec. 2019	complete
Walking school bus info	Alex Yau, Shauna	Dec. 2019	In progress

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distribution	Rakshe		
Passport club info distribution	Shauna Rakshe, Ana Pacheco	Dec. 2019	In progress
Arrange for Ned assembly/yoyo table	Erika Heslin	Jan. 2019	In progress
Talk with 5 th grade teachers: biztown	Cara Coates, Alex Yau	Dec. 2019	In progress

NEW ACTION ITEMS

Coordinate yoyo table	Erika Heslin	Jan. 2020	
Walking school bus info distribution	Alex Yau, Shauna Rakshe	Jan. 2020	
Passport club info distribution (same as for Nov.)	Shauna Rakshe, Ana Pacheco	Jan. 2020	
Thank you for PE teachers	Alex Yau	Jan. 2020	
Letter to 5 th grade parents & fund collection	Amy Roskowski, Cara Coates	Jan. 2020	
Contact 4 th grade teachers, Powell's: proposal for books	Shauna Rakshe, Cara Coates	Jan. 2020	
Contact Jennifer Polisch: movie night planning	Shauna Rakshe	Jan. 2020	