

General Membership Meeting

Date: 1/27/2023

Location: Lake Youngs Elementary School

Attendees: Christy Stanton, Christina Hewlett, Jessica Kessler, Eric Kupper, See Sign-in Sheet

6:07 - Call to Order

Introductions of Executive Committee

Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Jessica Corrected the Panda Express vendor day from the 3rd to the 4th of February.

Christy motions to approve minutes, Christina seconds, minutes pass unanimously.

Presidents Update

The Grizzly Reader team is relatively new and has more participation this year than ever.

Paid for the anti-bullying assembly and have also been working with the Vice Principal to fund materials for the Conflict Manager program. The school will likely focus on the top three grades and train kids to recognize and deescalate conflicts before it becomes an issue.

Due to a state grant that was able to fund field trips, PTSA money usually used for that purpose can now be used for curriculum and education enhancement. Teachers are encouraged to use this money.

Treasurer's Report

See attached Treasurer's report.

The current balance stands at \$33,914.05.

The Amazon smile program is ending in February. If anyone knows of any similar programs, please let the PTSA know.

[Yvette] What happens to the "can" money? She is looking to understand the budget for the 5th/6th grade party and if she can expect it to be augmented. [Christy] The budget per grade is \$500 and, anecdotally, last year parents contributed more than the allocated PTSA budget. Some expenses can likely be shared between the grades. Teachers should have sent an email to the parents asking for volunteers, contributions, etc.

Principal's Report

Apex begins next week.

This past Tuesday night there was a boundary change open house for schools receiving new students. There were probably 12 families, or ~40 people. There were five 5th grade ambassador students who took their parents on tours of the buildings.

It is complicated to calculate the churn of a boundary change with families coming in/out. We do not yet know the status of the Odyssey or and Support Center (SC). There is some confusing language coming out. The district is yet to provide numbers and answers to assumptions about staffing, class size, etc. [Christy] When do you expect to have clarity? [Dr. H] There is a staffing report that is published in March, so hopefully more information will be available then. Preliminary outlook is potentially less grades, but more students per grades.

The PTSA will definitely have a room!

There will be some changes to the building. They will be re-glassing, roofing, and repaving the exterior surfaces.

6:42pm Committee Updates

Giving Tree

In previous years Allison, the Health Tech, handled the program. This Year Ms. Condreay, Ms. Jayden, et. al., ran it and processed over 160 gifts.

Staff Appreciation

This program focuses on one grade per month and occurs on the 3rd Friday. Sam needs help planning and running. There may also need to be a handoff for next year so finding an alternate is imperative.

Family Fun and Community

This committee is responsible for monthly family activities which include Truck or Treat, Trivia, Movie Night, Bingo, and the Holiday Bazaar. There is one more trivia, bingo, and movie night for the year. There has not been a huge overhead in terms of planning, but day-of support could be better. We need to continue the connections we have made with the high school key clubs.

Spring Prom

The intent is to make this a big fundraising event: free for kids, \$10 for parents with a silent auction component. The goal is to turn the gym into a "prom" with the silent auction taking place in the cafeteria. We have a prom committee established, theme TBD, and the date is Saturday May 13th.

Fundraising

There is a Mariners game on May 7th and a minor league soccer game also on the schedule.

Big Toy

The district will not support a new Big Toy. They will, however, repair the current play set. Monies donated toward the Big Toy can either be re-purposed to playground improvements or refunded as requested.

Without district support for a replacement and doing it on our own would have cost approximately \$50k. The PTSA is still engaging the district on what exactly triggers a replacement: age, durability, other?

The district is also looking to replace matting and some structural/area repairs around the playground equipment.

Christina Hewlett motioned to release the restricted funds from focusing on the Big Toy to all outdoor recreational equipment. Seconded by Jessica Kessler and approved (See motion form).

There were questions about adding soccer nets. The school bought two cheap ones, but the PTSA might be able to help with an upgrade. There was also a question about more soccer balls.

Art Docent

All the Art Docents volunteers are relatively new this year. There are some opportunities for volunteering as some volunteers are doubling up on classes. The docents collect student art for a portfolio for each kid which will be sent home at the end of the year. The students like this program.

Science Fair

In the past we would have Science on Wheels from the Pacific Science center come. The fair would go over three days with participation being compulsory for 4th grade and judged for grade.

Because of KSD curriculum changes and discussions with Dr. H there will be a change to that model. Teachers felt it was not beneficial for students to be doing experiments outside the curriculum instead of focusing on assignments and did not like the compulsory aspect when there was already so much home-based work.

Possible alternatives:

- Family event with science stations that are STEM focused. Who would be doing the displays? All tentative.
- Traditional science fair ran by the PTSA without school involvement. Yvette and Eric do not have the schedule capacity to run this event.
- Jessica recommends a per class presentation format. This was discussed previously and the teachers were not onboard. Some will have moved on from the curriculum by March and will not have time to dedicate to science.

Book Fair

The Book Fair team partners with Scholastic which provides the resources to run the fair. There are fairs throughout the year; the first two generate profits, the third is a BOGO with proceeds going to the community. Profit comes in the form of Scholastic dollars used to buy books from their company. We get roughly half of the sales. This year Grant money has been doubled—approximately—for both teachers and the Grizzly Reader committee, as well as providing \$1000 for kids who need help buying books.

This next iteration we will only be getting one cash register for the Book Fair.

Legislation

Bond conversations are on-going. It is highly recommended people attend the listening sessions, get involved and contribute to comments.

Volunteer Needs

Lunch and Recess support is fun. Parents should use the signup, but really you can just show up. You must be VIPS cleared.

Every event on the Blue Sheet needs volunteers. There may be more events, but what is there is set in stone.

Festival of cultures is going to be a food and entertainment event put on by the multi-Cultural club and supported by the PTSA.

Apex is coming. Scenic Hill [school] is doing it right now and posting about it on social media. The program emphasizes leadership and physical activity. There is a need for 5-10 volunteers on February 10th for their culminating physical activity. Contact Christy.

7:40 Adjourn