

PTA Meeting NOTES: February 4, 2020

Welcome & Introductions

1. Welcome - Paul Carlson
 - Meeting started at 7:06
 - Attendance: approximately 25 people

Paul -

PTA Business

1. Approval of 12/3/19 PTA Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve the meeting notes. Motion by Leah Sera and second motion by Heidi Bogdansky
2. Updates - Paul Carlson
 - a. any ideas for future meetings or speakers are welcome. Paul shared that the MCPTA transportation committee and MCPS have an agreement with bus tracking starting next school year
3. Treasurer Updates - Francesco Paganini
 - a. Gave updates on budget
 - i. Expected under budget for box tops
 - ii. Brought in more money than expected for Winter Carnival
 - iii. Still shorter on PTA membership from last year
 1. IDEA: Get parents to sign up at Kindergarten Orientation
 2. IDEA: Survey current families at the end of the year to find out ways to have more volunteers
 - iv. MLK Jr. Service Day with Sherwood Elementary. We gave \$150 to help with the supplies and refreshments.
4. Committee Updates
 - a. Grounds committee - Michelle Perera and Katie McMahon
 - i. Pressure washing of the grounds was donated at the beginning of the year
 - ii. Mulching and edging was donated at the beginning of the year
 - iii. IDEAS for outside grounds
 1. Idea 1: Sponsor school clean-up day (before color run)
 - a. Possibly have some boy scout support
 - b. Target 4th and 5th graders and parents
 - c. Specific target areas
 - d. Mostly clean up but some weeding
 - e. We provide lawn and leaf bags. Volunteers bring other supplies
 - f. IDEA: SSL hours for middle and high school kids
 2. Grade level adopt-an-area w/ parent-family support

- a. Similar to KinderGARDEN
 - b. Students would build pride in the school grounds
 - c. Liaison - possibly room parent
 - 3. Ensure the community businesses are recognized
 - b. Lego Club - Wayne Chung
 - i. Spring LEGO starts March 10th for 3rd - 5th graders.
 - ii. Robotics is the theme
 - c. Science Fair - Mishra Dharma
 - i. This will be his 3rd year coordinating
 - ii. Sign up online. Info sent through Dragon Tales and specific email sent today
 - iii. Announcement via teachers and morning announcement
 - d. Cultural Heritage night - Benjamin Murray
 - i. Thursday, March 5 this year
 - ii. 2019 was first year.
 - iii. Same format this year. Performers are being sought to entertain.
 - iv. Students can make banners, even if they are not able to attend. Will be displayed the night of the event.
 - v. Cafeteria and Gym are reserved this year.
 - e. Restaurant Nights - Pam and Allen Harp
 - i. \$183 Ledos in January
 - ii. \$1037 total this year
 - iii. Silo Falls on Thursday, February 13 - 10% will be donated. Reservations are welcome
 - f. Imagination Stage - Allen Harp
 - i. Will donate \$5 per ticket. Need a code when ordering tickets.
 - ii. March 29th showing of Thumbalina
 - g. 5th Grade Memories - Natalie Hambrecht (presented by Paul)
 - i. June 5th at Oakdale Emory Church
 - ii. 5th grade families will get a flyer for donations
 - iii. February 5th is the committee meeting for planning
 - h. Yearbook - Kelly Weigand (presented by Paul)
 - i. Order forms were sent out
 - ii. Information in newsletter
 - i. Box tops - Heidi Bogdansky
 - i. Less than previous years - \$378 donated so far
 - j. Dragon Dash - Jessica Chappell (presented by Paul)
 - i. No new updates, more information by start of March
 - ii. Looking ahead for people who may want to
5. Staff Incentive Raffle
- a. Winners: Betsy Nguyen, Gwen Pettit, Katie Franey, Shannon Adler, Ashley Johnson, Terri Perper

School Update

1. Principal's Update - Mrs. Carla Glawe, OES Principal, and Ms. Njeri Williams, OES Assistant Principal
 - a. January is a big testing month but students have done really well
 - b. Homework club - OES staff partners with a local HOA community center once a month.
 - c. Next year - implementation of new math curriculum
 - i. IDEA: PTA might help purchase new required math materials that is not provided by MCPS

Question & Comments

- Mishra Dharma - Brought up idea of Spelling Bee at OES for next school year

Meeting ended at 8:01

Upcoming Events

February 13: Restaurant Night at the Manor at Silo Falls

February 26: Science Fair

March 3: PTA Meeting

March 5: Cultural Heritage Night

*** Don't forget to check Dragon Tales, Facebook and our website for updates**