

PTO General Meeting

March 16, 2017

In attendance: Jessica Winnie, Dina Beal, Beth Olson, Megan Calhoun, Mel Modica, Paola Ruiz, Liz Molton, Betsy Mayer, Heidi Larson, Carrie McDonald, Kari Ray, Melissa Ruta, Karin Carner, Dana Johnson, Courtney Breit, Cindy Joy, Carrie Baumann, Sara Hanel, Robin Betthausen, Kirstin Glinski, Camille Schroeder.

Call to order: 7:00 pm

President's Report – Jessica Winnie

Vice President's Report – Dina Beal – No report

Secretary – Beth Olson

- Reviewed minutes from January 19, 2017 meeting. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report – Megan Calhoun

- Reviewed the financials – current balance \$27,152.36
- Financial report was approved

Principal's Report – Camille Schroeder

- Mrs. Schroeder introduced her teachers and staff in attendance – Betsy Mayer, Heidi Larson, Melissa Ruta, Carrie McDonald, Robin Betthausen and Kirstin Glinski.

Committee Reports:

Souper Bowl – Thank you to everyone who donated food items for the Souper Bowl we were able to donate 2,072 items to the Shalom Center food pantry.

Teacher Conference Luncheon – Mel Modica

Was another success, thank you to everyone who helped donate food items for our teachers.

Box Tops – Mel Modica

The last round of box tops were collected for this year. We do not have final numbers yet on what we earned. Participation was lower than expected this year. A lot of expired box tops had to be thrown out for this round of collection. The top class will get an extra recess as their reward.

Sock Hop – Kari Ray

Sock Hop was well attended; the kids had a great time. Having no theme seemed to appeal to more kids, we especially saw more older kids attend this year. Overall we had nearly 155-160 kids attend.

Book Fair – Courtney Breit

The book fair during Dr. Seuss week was a success; we sold about \$400 each day, a total of \$8,313, which was about \$1,658 in profit and \$380 in new books. We will be getting Osmobots for the Creation Station in the Library. Courtney said that they would like to establish a Book Fair committee to help with the book fairs. Also we will have a "Buy One Get One" (BOGO) book fair the last week of the school year.

Spirit Wear – We had a good amount of participation in the single spirit wear order; pricing was much more reasonable. We still have My Locker as an option, but we will look at doing a sale like this again next year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Friendship Parties – Thank you to all parents who helped

Family Game Night – This was a free night, based on survey feedback that PTO should offer free family fun events. This event was not well attended; we will look at other free events for next year, and are considering a free/open gym night at a point in the winter next year.

Heart Shaped Pizzas – We had good participation in this sale at Ruffolo's – they sold 67 pizzas. Thank you to Ruffolo's for continuing to do this for us; they only make these for us!

NEW BUSINESS:

Committee Chair Envelopes – If you were a committee chair, please be sure to complete an envelope, with information about your event, your contacts, vendors, budget, lessons learned, etc. so to help the next chairperson with their planning. If you don't have your envelope, let Jessica know.

Open Chair positions for next school year – There are several chairperson positions that we are looking to fill for the 2017-2018 school year. Those include, Playground Equipment Manager, Box Tops, Teacher Conference Luncheons, Bingo Nights, Fifth Grade Graduation (should be filled by a fourth-grade parent). If you are interested in any of these, please talk to Jessica Winnie.

Parent's Night Out – The Parents Night Out event to help raise funds for the playground addition at Strawberry Creek is scheduled for Saturday, April 1. We are looking for help assembling classroom baskets; we will be doing this on Friday, March 24 from 10-12 and Wednesday, March 29 from 5-7 pm. Ticket prices will go up to \$40 tomorrow. There was some concern that some parents would not be able to attend, due to other fundraising commitments. These parents were told that they could make a donation to the playground project, even if they are not able to attend.

Playground – There was much discussion about the playground proposal and the recent communication by KUSD that our playground equipment (as well as most other KUSD school playground equipment) cannot be used by 4K students, as the equipment is graded for use by children ages 5 and up. A request was made by 4K to consider adding a piece of equipment that could be utilized by 4K. The board listened to everyone's perspective and clarified that the plan that was proposed was the result of several months of work with Lee Recreation, KUSD and the PTO board. It was suggested by the Board that we proceed as planned to raise funds for and install the proposed pieces and that a piece for the 4K children could be added in the following school year. Alternately, it was also discussed that KUSD could consider providing some budget money to those schools whose 4K programs were affected by the recent communication/clarification, as there are curriculum requirements for play. It was acknowledged that while no final decision has been made, the board and Mrs. Schroeder would consider other options should there be alternate pieces with pricing presented by those in attendance.

Fundraisers for the remainder of the year – The success of our playground project depends on the success of our remaining fundraisers. Parents Night Out is the biggest, but we also can raise money that will go directly to the playground project by attending one of the following upcoming fundraisers:

- MOD Pizza night – April 11
- Chipotle Night – May 17
- Action Territory Night – March 24 and May 19
- Spirit Days and the end of year blowout – Flash sale

PTO Board Positions – The President and Secretary Positions are up for reelection this year and nobody submitted their names for consideration. Jessica Winnie and Beth Olson will be nominated for reelection at the May meeting, and unless they have a challenger, they will be reelected.

Meeting adjourned.