

Attending: Cindy Address, Heidi Post, Tiffany Boyer, Sarah Sirna, Tara Pitkin, Andi Zellmer, Gretchen Padget, Eileen Andersen, Anjuli Glaza

Absent: Sarah Wexler, Barb Seifert, Michelle Le, Brittany Yamauchi, Laura Richardson

VP Update (Tara Pitkin)

No requests for this month. In March we will discuss ways to get dollars into the classrooms

Yearbook

5th grade cover contest – submissions due by spring break.

Book Fair

First week of March (Wed/Thur pm and Friday 10 – 4).

There will be a student and teacher preview Wednesday day

Funraising

No Updates

Volunteer Coordinator

No Updates

Financial Update (Gretchen)

MWA PTO to make \$500 donation to dream makers

90,000 savings & checking

Birthday books planned for income but not expenses

Replenish B Day books cart needed.

Need \$2000 to help support the program (Gretchen made motion, Heidi to second, motion approved)

PTO has dollars to spend; looking for enrichment requests – will discuss ways to spend on teachers, students and classrooms in March

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Update

Staff Appreciation mid January (Donuts, yogurt, fruit)

Para Appreciation early February (mini bundt cakes and coffee)

Stretched paraprofessional week to 2 weeks.

Parent, Matt Knodt, to donate Jimmy John's for teachers during conference week.

Principal Update (Cindy)

Fifth grade Jeff Dayton event moved to May this year. Traditionally done in December. There will be an outdoor concert to share what the fifth graders have created.

Potentially have PTO cover entire cost of Jeff Dayton?

Teacher request lull may be due to a very busy time for them.

No time lately has been spent on playground enhancement items. Will revisit once more time to devote.

Black history month efforts.

Heidi- what else can we do??? (PTO)
Update teacher lounge offerings?
Lunch?

Discussion on cereal box tips...very likely not doing this any longer.

Hammocks- \$ set aside. Need to find someone to put it together...

Speaker for Black History Month
Can PTO cover? \$3500 budgeted
Perhaps PTO can add funds if needed. No decision here.

PTO could contribute some \$ to Jeff Dayton celebration.

Discussion of perception of \$ spent on Dayton as it only serves one grade.

**Table until next meeting to see what else comes forward.

Q: Student anxiety uptick?
2 FTEs fully devoted to social emotional issues - more than ever before!

Addition of Relate Services as well.

Dog here more regularly???
Llamas were a BIG hit.
Second hand hounds???

Could sub one of the above w/ current year field trip funds.

Cindy will ask Mandy for other suggestions here as well and report back.

Q: How do we better connect parents to the school?
Sarah S.
Some discussion. Virtual events with classroom parents?

20 years we have had 75+ volunteers in schools. It looks very different today!!

***Community Service nights / as a family was very well received.
Target by grade level.

Room parents to help with connections at school??!!

Need to be more intentional about how we connect.

Need further discussion at next meeting and begin to execute.

****Family service night; likely outside. Spring!!****

Presidents Report

Heidi

Q: Issues with membership toolkit?

No one mentioned any.

PTO leadership announcements

Sarah Sirna will co President next year with Heidi.

Laura and Sarah co President year following.

Happy to announce the above changes.

Brittany needs to step down as vol coordinator for next year. Call to your network who may be interested??

Submitted by Tiffany Boyer