Sand Creek Elementary PTO- Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: January 17th, 2022 at 4:15 pm

Meeting Location: PD Room

1. Welcome and Introductions- Sarah Burgoyne

PTO Board all present (4), Katie Lawson (ast principal), Teacher Reps Misty and Christine, Michelle Rudolph, Cate Ness

1. Teacher Grants
   1. Keri Hartlieb- 3rd grade teacher
      1. Xtramath- $50

* Supplemental math program for multiplication fact practice. Christine (4th grade teacher) added that the program is great because it will help prepare students for 4th grade math.
* **VOTE: Unanimously approved** 
  1. Becky Rubenzer- 3rd grade teacher
     1. Printer for Pod Workspace- $450
* The group discussed that this need to be addressed as a building supply rather than a teacher grant. Teacher input is that every teacher would want to have a new printer. Katie mentioned there are two fully functional printers in the printer room downstairs. Board member input: although inconvenient to walk downstairs for a few pages, the school has other needs for grant money and this request should be addressed as a building supply rather than a teacher grant.
* **VOTE: Unanimously denied** 
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* **VOTE: Unanimously approved** 
  1. Hayley King- art teacher.
     1. 6’ Room Dividers for art shows/ multi purpose- $2900 - 2 count
* Hayley originally submitted a $2,500 grant for art supplies. Mrs. Pekarek addressed the request and showed Hayley the budgeted amount and indicated the funds come from an end of the year art show. Instead of hiring a 3rd party to run the art show, Hayley will run the art show herself to raise money for the art supply budget.
* This grant is for two expandable art show walls. These walls are an investment for the art teachers to raise funds for supplies each year. The school really needs four, however the PTO can only fund two so other teachers have access to grant money.
* **VOTE: Unanimously approved**

1. Principle Update - Pam Pakerak

* iReady diagnostic tests showed a winter growth of 65% in reading. The district likes to see at least 50% growth, so SCE is ahead of the curve. Students who are ready below grade level fell from 11% to 8%.
* Family literacy night
  + March 2nd 5:30-7
  + Event for Pre-k through 2nd grade families, lead by reading intervention team
  + PTO has $200 in budget to support this event
  + There will be pizza and raffle items. Emily suggested asking Amazon to donate kindles.
  + Aim is to raise awareness about the importance of reading and give parents/students tips on how to read at home, especially during school breaks.
* Jr recess coach- Student leadership opportunity for 5th and 6th grade students.
  + Students will lead recess games and activities for k-2nd grade classes to help promote fun and positive recess play.
  + There will be 3 coaches for kindergarten and two for both 1st and 2nd grade.

1. Teacher update: Christine McMahon

* 3rd and 4th grade teachers met to share ideas and make sure they were in alignment with preparing students for the next grade. This month 5th and 6th grade joined as well.
* Becca questions to Christine:
  + Brick fundraising for front of school: e-mail was sent encouraging teachers to purchase a brick with a 15% discount code. Becca asked Christine if the teachers need more of a discount.
  + There was a suggestion for PTO to buy a brick for each teacher, then during conferences or art shows, the class can contribute money to cover their class brick. This will allow families to participate in the brick fundraiser who cannot afford to purchase a brick.
  + Spring Fling-
    - Parent reps should have reached out to teachers about a classroom basket with a certain theme: camping, coffee, chocolate, etc.
    - Parent Teacher Conferences (Feb date)
      * Parents had asked why this was moved, it seems early in the semester. Katie mentioned that this was requested by the teachers. Parents suggested that they be informed soon since it is not on parents' radar.

1. Treasurer Vote needed
   1. Vote to reallocate funds from building supplies to cover Starfall subscription increase

**VOTE: Unanimously approved**

1. WIsh Week- Cate Ness
   1. Wish Week- Feb 6th-10th

* Cate Ness is the liaison between Sand Creek and Mountain Vista who does the fundraiser. The Mountain Vista Wish Week fundraiser is the top fundraiser for Make-a-Wish in the entire country!
* SCE hasn’t be a big part of the fundraiser so Mountain Vista would like to get the school more involved and engaged. It was suggested that the student leadership team would be interested in the communication.

1. Committee Reports
   1. Restaurant Nights- Ashley Scott-Trainer
      1. It was asked if we were doing Cold Stone. We’re waiting for them to confirm a date.
      2. Jan 25th- I Heart Mac & Cheese
      3. Feb 9th- Freddy's Frozen Yogurt
      4. March 8th- Zell’s Crepes
      5. April 11th- Micci’s Italian
   2. Community Events- Sophie Betser
      1. Bingo Night- Feb 24th 6-8pm - This is happening. PTO needs to reach out to Mr F and Mr Bolser re equipment needed, etc.
   3. Teacher Appreciation- Ashley Franklin
   4. Garden- Emily Drost
      1. Michelle Rudolph- Kickoff for the club is 1/23. There will be two meetings a month on Mondays 4:15-5:00., $30 per student. Emily is the parent rep.
      2. Goal is 20 members
      3. Supplies and lots of seeds have been donated. They hope to add chickens soon and will have a sign up for families to take care of them during the summer and to water the garden.
   5. Spring Fling- Becca Winegar
2. FYI - Upcoming Events
   1. Jan 30th- Mother/Son (VIG) Event @ Main Event
   2. Feb 13th- Father/ Daughter (VIG) @ Main Event
   3. Feb. 24th - Bingo Night
   4. April 22nd- Spring Fling
3. Questions/Comments from the Community
4. Announcements
   1. Next meeting: Tuesday, February 7th 2022
5. Adjournment