Sand Creek Elementary PTO- Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: October 11, 2022 at 4:15 pm

Meeting Location: PD Room

1. Welcome and Introductions- Sarah Burgoyne

* Since it's a parent/teacher conference night, Pam, Katie and teacher reps are not present. Since we still have a quorum, voting will commence on teacher grants.

1. Teacher Grants
   1. Keri Hartlieb
      1. Lyrics2Learn/$150- Result = Yes, by unanimous vote

* Only for her 3rd grade class. This is a program Ms. Hartlieb currently pays for the program out of her own pocket and the kids enjoy the material.
* Pam’s written response to the grant- The material in Lyrics to Learn is not something covered by current programs at Sand Creek.
* Community comment- She must believe in the program because she pays for it.
  1. Melissa Campbell
     1. Hagerty Online/$65- Result = Yes, by unanimous vote
* Pam’s written comment: “We do have a set of these resources at each grade level, but they are currently being used by classroom teachers and interventionists. The online version makes sense for Campbell as she has students at various grade levels and wouldn’t need the hardcopy for each grade as she can just use the online version.”
* Supplemental program for Ms. Campbell.
* Community and PTO comment: online version makes sense because she can use what she needs for each grade. The license is just for SSN.
  + A comment was made asking if there is an online Hagerty subscription we can look into. The PTO Board has approved a lot of Hagerty grant requests in the past, so perhaps this is something we could look into possibly funding in the future. PTO will bring this up to Pam in the next Admin meeting.
  1. Mollie Willie
     1. Items for dramatic play kitchen area/$185.37 Result = Yes, by unanimous vote
* Ms Willie obtained a grant last school year for kindergarten furniture (outside our PTO). The items requested are accessories for the play kitchen, which will just be used for her class.
* Comment= We like that Ms Willie is intentional in her requests and researches items that will last. Although this is just for her class, we approve other grants for online subscriptions that are class specific. Kindergarten has more play needs, so this grant makes sense.
  1. Lauren Clark-
     1. Recess Cart/$459+ Result = Yes, by unanimous vote
* Each class has a separate bin for playground equipment. This grant would be a cart that can be used for all grades at recess.
* Comment was made asking if Lauren would like PTO to organize a recess equipment donation event. Becca will bring-up to Lauren when discussing grant approval.
  1. Kristina Hogarth
     1. Owl pellets/$105-$160 Result = Yes, by unanimous vote
* Hands on learning for students. Students will dissect the owl pellets as part of their science unit.
* Comment: We love the hands-on approach to learning. It seems like a fun and informative learning opportunity for the students.
  1. Sophie Bester
     1. Bulbs for garden/$53.06 Result = Yes, by unanimous vote
     2. This was already purchased and planted in the school garden with 2nd grade. She is scheduling a time to plant with Kindergarten.
     3. When purchasing, Sophie was given a $50 gift card for the school which she will be using for future purchases.

1. Committee Reports
   1. Restaurant Night- Ashley Scott-Trainer

* Restaurant nights are going great so far. We’ve earned more than expected.
  + 1. Oct 13th- Panda Express - PTO is ordering this for teachers for conference night.
    2. Nov 15th- Cuba Cuba Sandwicheria
    3. Dec- Parry’s Pizza
  1. Community Events- Sophie Betser
     1. Work with classroom reps for small get togethers
     2. Monthly gathering opportunities (not restaurant nights)
* Sophie and Leia are working together on this.
* Cultural Night- March would be the best time to schedule.
* We have parent volunteers for Grade Reps for all grades except 4th, but we expect this to be filled.
* Ideas for events- Bingo night during cold weather months.
* Park playdates are in the works
  1. Teacher Appreciation- Susan Lyons
  2. Garden Committee- Sophie Betser
* Discussed events she’s planning with all grades.
* Was awarded a sustainability grant from the school district which included gardening supplies and a composter.
* Started a garden club with the school. Sophie is coordinating with Michelle Rudolf.
  1. Hospitality- Maybi Ramos
     1. Just formed, no update
* Ideas for this role:
  + Welcoming new families. Becca will coordinate with Maybi and Tammy Velssco (counselor) to determine how to better communicate with new families. Maybi and Tammy are encouraged to submit grants to help fund.
  + Becca to connect on cards for families.
  + Maybi wants to send letters to ESL parents regarding upcoming school events and PTO meetings. Can we have translations connected with Pam’s e-mail?.
    - It was suggested to connect with Sara Bolser & Jo to determine which languages need to be addressed.

1. Questions/Comments from the Community
2. Announcements
   1. Next meeting: Tuesday, November 8th, 2022
3. Adjournment