Sand Creek Elementary PTO- Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: September 13th, 2022 at 4:15 pm

Meeting Location: PD Room

1. Welcome and Introductions- Sarah Burgoyne
   1. Clarification of Voting

* Clarified that according to bylaws, only the PTO Board, teacher reps and principals vote counts. Parents ask questions of the grantor and provide feedback for the Board.
* We encouraged parents to join the Board as the 5th member if they want more say in voting.

1. Teacher Grants
   1. Keri Hartlieb
      1. Lyrics2Learn/$150- Result = ON HOLD

* This grant was submitted close to the deadline. Pam did not have a chance to review, so its put on hold until the next meeting.
  1. Michelle Rudolf
     1. Calming Corner Supplies for 1st Grade/$170- Result = Yes, by unanimous vote.
* 1st grade teacher Misty Durante explained the calming corners give students emotional regulation time, so they’re less likely to see the counselor. The students can have alone time to regulate their emotions, then get back to work.
* The grants would benefit both 1st grade classes. Once approved, Michelle and the teachers would decide what items to buy.
* One of the parents asked if this is something teachers can first ask parents to buy. Another parent and Mrs Durante said the items are best decided and purchased by the school because they know what items are appropriate. Pam agreed that asking parents to help supply PBIS stores would be more appropriate.
  1. Tammy Velasco
     1. Red Ribbon Week Supplies/$150-$160 Result = Yes, by unanimous vote
* Tammy is asking for a grant to purchase red ribbons for each student, a banner (that can be reused), and other misc supplies.
* Red Ribbon week has not been done at Sand Creek before. It promotes drug and alcohol awareness. The event will be held the week after fall break.

1. Principal’s Report- Pam Pekarek

* Teachers are working through the new Wonders reading curriculum. Teachers have been discussing strengths and weaknesses. Overall the attitude towards the curriculum change is favorable, however there is a lot of learning for the teachers.
* Students and staff are excited about the Fun Run on Friday.

1. Treasurer’s Report- Becca Winegar

* As of 9/13, we have raised $6,000. If sponsors are included, we’ve raised $8,500.
* Any parent can review the budget and Becca can help answer any questions.
* Fundraising is so important because it affects what the PTO can fund next school year.
* Chick Fil A restaurant night- earned $307, which is $57 more than last year.
* Panera restaurant night is tomorrow. Available online all day with promo code or in person from 4-8.
* A parent asked if it would be able to have a translator available at PTO meetings to involve more minority parents. Becca is going to follow up with the Foundation.

1. Teacher’s Report- Misty Durante and Christine McMahon
2. Committee Reports
   1. Fun Run- Sarah Burgoyne
      1. Fun Run Sept 16th

* We had some great ideas for Fun Run by parents. Lydia suggested the top earning class halfway through the donation period would be awarded by doing something silly with the Principal or Vice Principal.
* Since Lydia had such great suggestions she was encouraged to join the Fun Run committee next year.
* It was discussed to give teachers their students Fun Run totals on the 22nd. Teachers will email parents letting them know there’s still a week left of fundraising. They can provide parent’s their student’s fundraising totals.
  + Kristen suggested the teacher can offer an incentive to their students….if the class can earn x amount they get a crazy sock day or something fun like that.
* Becca (PTO Treasurer), asked for input from attendees if we should hire a company to run the event. The downside is they take up to 40% of funds.
  + Another suggestion is to purchase software for tracking donations. The software will give each student a page and parents can easily track how much their student has raised.
    1. End date for collecting donations 9/30
    2. Red carpet, awards ceremony and mock sleepover 10/7
  1. Masquerade Ball
     1. Update- Nicole Mann
* Volunteers are needed. Nicole has reached out to photo booth vendors. Once big vendors are established, we can plan the rest. Asked for anyone and everyone to help plan.
  + 1. Volunteers needed
  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.
* Idea of an International Night to teach students/parents about other cultures. Provide foods from other cultures.
* Discussed that we should have a note in Friday folders asking for parent reps for each grade.
  1. Teacher Appreciation- Susan Lyons
  2. Restaurant Night- Ashley Scott-Trainer
     1. Sept 14th- Panera
     2. Oct 13th- Panda Express
     3. Nov 15th- Cuba Cuba Sandwicheria
  3. Garden Committee- Sophie Betser

1. Questions/Comments from the Community
2. Announcements
   1. Next meeting: Tuesday, October 11 th 2022
3. Adjournment