**November PTO Meeting**

**November 7, 2023**

**Agenda**

(Secretary notes)

Board members present: Nicole, Becca, Emily, Jenna, Mrs. Skolout, Mr. Lopez, and Mrs Pekarek

1. Grant Requests
   1. Overview of voting procedures
   2. Grant Budget Review
      1. Total Grant funding remaining **$8,958.25 $8,708 left**
      2. **$3,958.25** remaining in first semester **$3,707**
   3. Grants for vote (total: $1,709 + $315 or $395):
      1. Cindy Fetherman $500 – Battle of the Books **(APPROVED Unanimous)**
         1. purchasing items for battle of the books and shelf markers (signage) for the library
         2. District led program that we need to sign up for. We applied but the slots have been filled.
         3. Will still do it, but not in an official capacity, will be during library class time.
         4. Books were already purchased and will help with our library replenishment.
         5. Money approved up to $500 for general library needs including signage, books, and other library needs to meet standards for libraries in the district.
      2. Mollie Willie $92 – Storage cubes **(APPROVED- Unanimous)**
         1. Received grants for
      3. Lindsay Ensign/Sara Bolser $850 – GT Games (4) **(APPROVED- Unanimous)**
         1. District recommended games. Helps identify gifted students that might not necessarily have high test scores.
         2. Enhances critical thinking and creativity.
         3. GT will come and train staff to identify kids in regular classroom lessons and give them further material.
         4. One grade level kit (multiple games, not just 4 games) for 2nd - 6th grade
      4. Heather Smith $267 – Membership to Structured Literacy **EA (APPROVED- Unanimous)**
         1. Helps students with small groups, works with K-3rd and 6th grade all day when here.
         2. She can access & print decodable books
         3. Buying the hardcopy set is $5K so this is the most cost effective way to access
      5. Heather Palmer 6th Grade- $315 or $395 (Price TBD) **((APPROVED- Unanimous)**
         1. $395 is for the entire conference, $315 is for a few days of the conference.
         2. Investment in the teacher, not a physical item. Becca wanted input from the community on spending on enrichment.
            1. Parent input-

Feel it's important to help our teachers when they aren’t paid as much in this district.

Pam doesn’t have funds to pay for the conference. Will this create all teachers wanting to do this training. Teachers who do this training share with other staff. Teachers as a whole don’t do as many national conferences.

Becca input- Might want to set up a certain percentage of grant money for conferences so we don’t spend all of our $ on this.

* + - 1. Would like to attend the CCIRA conference next Spring. This is a literacy based conference, which will allow her to dive deeper into reading and literacy instruction. Will share info with fellow teachers.

1. Principal Updates

* District will have talking points depending on the vote.
* Apple award nominations: Parents, teachers, students, can nominate teachers or other staff members. Wants to get the word out to parents. Deadline is 11/12/23.
* Thanksgiving dinner (lunch)- We’re not able to have family attend due to free lunches for staff and kids. Parents can attend, but the school cannot provide lunch.
* In the process of revamping the school website. Everything will rollover from the PTO pages. There will be tabs for PTO, SAC, Volunteers, etc.
* Working to have the district come and make a video about our school. Asked for parents who might want to talk about the school. Will take place soon, after the election.
* Had a safety team meeting going over safety procedures with district personnel. The district had positive feedback for what SCE has in place.

1. Critical Updates/Needs
   1. Vote to transfer funds for front of school landscaping
      1. Need to transfer funds ( $55k) to move the funds from PTO account to the school account.
      2. **VOTE: Unanimous YES**
   2. Bingo Night Chair, or do we do something else? (scheduled for January)
      1. Well attended last year. Becca will help but we need someone to take charge.
      2. We now have a committee chair.
   3. Grade Directories

Follow up with reps to finish directories

* 1. *December Parents Night - December 5th at Smokin Fins Highlands Ranch*
     1. Social opportunity for PTO board and the community
  2. Spring Fling Committee needed - Emily Drost chair
     1. We need a committee. Last year, we had 10 people helping.
     2. Jenna will help with party and auction
  3. Coins to cash help
     1. Have coin donations. Need help cleaning coins and to pull rocks out.
  4. Any volunteers to help with Cookie Exchange or like for the teachers?

Ashlee Franklin is asking for help with this. Making a cookie bar for the teachers. Give the teacher a box and parents bake them cookies. Needs help to coordinate and create a sign up.

1. For Discussion: Coffee with the Principal - how to get more parents to come? Topics?

* People don’t come, so she needs feedback. Create a sign up, have teachers share on their weekly email.
* Flyer- have a QR code and send home in Friday folder.
* Topic suggestions- i-Ready, Safety

**Committee Updates**

* Restaurant Nights - Beth Ploss
  1. September and October events - What and how much did we make?
  2. November 14 - Panda Express
* Fun Run - Sarah Burgoyne
  1. Gross Sales Raised: $40,329.46
     1. Local Business Sponsors: $2,150.00
     2. Donors & Matching Gifts: $38.179.46
     3. Net Proceeds: $35,318.60 ($2,318.60 more than budgeted)
  2. *How much did we spend?* Costs Incurred: $5,010.86\*
     1. \*$500 estimate included for cost of Recess Supplies X2 classes & Pizza Party X2 classes
     2. $5,000 in costs were budgeted – likely will come in slightly under budget
  3. 162 students with pages - a little over half the school population
* VIG Events in January and February - Kim Underwood
  1. ***Contracts?***
  2. ***Volunteers?***
* Turkey/Candy Grams - Michelle Jackson
* Donuts with a Grown-up - Jenna Mason
* Eagle Eye - Lydia Murray
* Teacher Appreciation - Ashlee Franklin

1. Stocking the lounge again in November with the other half of donations collected in October.
2. Looking for a volunteer to help with December cookie exchange for staff or any other December idea they may want to do.

* SCE Cares - Jenna Harris

| **Committee Chairs Needed** | **Upcoming Important Dates** |
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| Bingo Night | November 14 - Panda Express R.N. |
| ~~Spring Fling Event~~ | November 20-24 - No School |
| ~~Spring Fling Auction~~ | December 5 - Parents Night Smokin Fins |
| Spring Fundraiser | December 19 - Restaurant Night, Mici’s |
| Field Day | December 22 - Winter Break Starts |
| Grade Level Reps - 2nd Grade |  |