**February PTO Meeting**

**February 13, 2024**

**Agenda**

1. Grant Requests
   1. Overview of voting procedures
   2. Grant Budget Review
      1. Total Grant funding remaining **$5,552.17**
      2. **$552.17** remaining in first semester
      3. **$5,000** remaining in second semester
   3. Grants for vote (total: $4,600):
      1. Pam Pekarek on behalf of all teachers - **VOTE: Unanimous YES**

a third copier for the school copy room - $4,600 Pam connected with teachers and they overwhelmingly want the new copier. We’ll have three copiers with different age cycles. The district provides options, we went for higher level one that allows more copies per minute.

* + 1. Loss Committee Plans/Vote: **VOTE is for ALL 3 lump sum: Unanimous YES**

Loss committee update: Talked about during the last meeting. Below are the three options that the Board is going to meet on. The funds will come from teacher grants. We can use come funds from SCE cares budget line item for any overages.

* + - 1. **Memory Garden Plaque** - MVHS to fabricate at cost $50, will be installed on garden fence in back corner where garden box is being planted in Spring
      2. **Purchase 3 bricks** (one for Keira, Michelle, Tammy) from Fundraising Brick (our front project installation) to be installed in front patio to remember them cost $125 (does not include labor)
      3. **Purchase closet for SCE Cares** cost $795 (it might not cost this much) to store donations and material associated with running this program (important note: NOT A LOSS MEMORIAL RELATED EXPENSE)
         1. PTO has a Kindness Week Fundraiser planned for next week to sell Ring Pops and Slap Bracelets for $1/each - Estimate this will raise $300-500 funds to earmarked for SCE Cares
      4. Funds can come from one or a combination of the following:
         1. SCE Cares ($500)
         2. Eagle Eyes ($1,000)
         3. Teacher Grants (~$900 remaining if copier approved)
         4. **Treasurer Recommendation:**

Closet to be funded by SCE cares budget ($500 + fundraiser proceeds)

Pay for the Memorial Items out of remaining Teacher Grant Funds

1. Principal Updates
   1. Budget info:
      1. Teacher salary was increased, due to the November vote MLO, therefore there was a 16% increase in funding from the district. Therefore we won’t have to cut any teachers.
      2. SCE is given more money per student based on demographics, including IEPs, FRL, ELL, academic intervention, GT, etc.
      3. SCE is a small school (under 387 kids), so we were given an additional $500k.
      4. District gives half of our assistance principal salary, we also get two-full time mental health staff, literacy specialist, AN/SSN, etc.
      5. For next years budget, we can keep all the staff next year that we currently have.
      6. Spends 97.5% on Staff, only 2.5% is spent on school operations.
2. Critical Updates/Needs
   1. Spring Fling support
   2. Open Board Positions for next year: Secretary and Treasurer
   3. Conference Meals - Cathee Sherr Gave restaurant recommendations for staff. Other than that, we don’t need help.
3. For Discussion: How to tackle Fun Run next year
   1. Need to start soliciting donations or ideas for donors now.

**Committee Updates**

* Restaurant Nights - Beth Ploss
  1. How much have we been making per event?

October - Parry’s $185.56, followed up again on check

November - Panda Express $127.00, check issued

December - Mici $132.99, check issued

January - Qdoba, $167.88, check processing

* 1. February 13- Modern Market Highlands Ranch, 11am-9pm, 30% donation return
  2. March TBD- open to suggestions
* Spring Fling - Emily Drost, Nicole Mann, Jenna Harris This district has yard games we can use. The event will be earlier in the day and give families an opportunity to mingle. We’ve had location problems in the past.
  + 1. Skate City? Performing Arts Academy, South Suburban, Connections Church?
    2. Asked for more help brainstorming ideas.
  1. Considering an event date of April 27th outdoor at Toepfer Park
  2. Auction will be held online
  3. Teacher Treats will be “Ticket Style” this year as opposed to auction style to increase availability to all families
* VIG Events - ***THANK YOU, KIM!!!***
* Donuts with a Grown-up - Jenna Mason

1. Form for business that donate donuts/coffee
2. Group of volunteers willing to pick up donuts & coffee day off

* Eagle Eye - Lydia Murray
* Teacher Appreciation - Ashlee Franklin
* SCE Cares - Jenna Harris

| **Committee Chairs Needed** | **Upcoming Important Dates** |
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| ~~Bingo Night~~ | February 13 - Modern Market Restaurant |
| ~~Spring Fling Event~~ | February 16-19 - No School |
| ~~Spring Fling Auction~~ | February 20 - Parent/Teacher Conferences |
| ~~Spring Fundraiser~~ | February 22 - Parent/Teacher Conferences |
| Field Day |  |
| Grade Level Reps - 2nd Grade |  |