**January PTO Meeting**

**January 25, 2024**

**Agenda**

1. Grant Requests
   1. Overview of voting procedures
   2. Grant Budget Review
      1. Total Grant funding remaining **$6,697.17**
      2. **$1,697.17** remaining in first semester
         1. Didn’t use all the grant money from the first semester.
         2. Emily had feedback from teachers-
            1. Teachers took advantage of the State grant program.
      3. **$5,000** remaining in second semester
   3. Grants for vote (total: $1,709):
      1. Sarah Stenbakken $350 – Drum Kits and Yakker Tracker
         1. Items for 24 complete drum kits in the music classroom and a Yakker Tracker to encourage inside voices at lunch. VOTE: **UNANIMOUS YES (Emily, Nicole, Becca, Jenna, Pam, Jenn, Andi)**

* Student leadership group last year wanted one.
* Gives the student a visual representation of how loud they’re being.
* Does this request include both? Yes
  + - 1. Jo Davis $795 new printer for front office

**UNANIMOUS YES (Emily, Nicole, Becca, Jenna, Pam, Jenn, Andi)**

* Try not to have individual printers for teacher groups, but we need one for the administrative room.

- Discussion- General printer for teachers in the printer room. School district doesn’t pay for this. One time cost to acquire a third copier.

Andi Skolout shared that teachers are frustrated with the copier and she’s not aware of any large grants coming through.

There might be small items, such as a butterfly garden, etc but these are not big ticket items.

1. Principal Updates

* Pam is in budgeting season, there’s a new budget program. Pam sent a weekly principal note last week with a link for parents to say what their school priorities are.
* SAC meeting Feb 6th- meeting discussing budgets, parents are welcome to join.
* Literacy Night (k-3, and try to market to PreK and private preschool kids)- March 7th, Thursday. It's also Read Across America week. Trying to capitalize on the private preschool market to show them how Sand Creek approaches literacy.
* Wish week coming up- Student leadership is working to organize the activities. Restaurant nights for the event.
* Parent/teacher conferences: Feb 20th and 22nd
* Feb 6th: Coffee with the Principal: Talk about intervention and support for students.
* Becca asked about crisis intervention after Tammy’s passing.
  + The District Crisis team came the day after break. Pam and Jenn called families that were on Tammy’s list to make sure they were OK, knew what was going on, and what their needs were. Teachers talked to 3-6 grades.
  + Tamara Brown- coming three days a week. Tammy’s team is taking over and making sure all the kids are taken care of. The school is looking for a candidate.

1. Critical Updates/Needs
   1. Vote to approve Keira Sires “Sunflower Garden” sign- Ballpark $500-$700
   2. Grade Directories
   3. Spring Fling Auction Solicitation Support
   4. Volunteers to help with teacher dinners during parent/teacher conferences
      1. Cathy Sherr is happy to coordinate. Becca and Emily to give her info. Touch base with Sonja for delivery time and dietary restrictions.
   5. Open Board Positions for next year: Secretary and Treasurer

* Two year terms. Nicole and Becca are reaching the end of their term.
  1. Open Chair for next year: Fun Run
* Need a chair for this as it's the biggest fundraiser. There is a time commitment over summer.

1. For Discussion: Tammy’s Closet - what can we do to honor the work Tammy did to make tangible resources available to students who need them. Need to vote to approve any costs. Ties into Sand Creek Cares.

* Jenna- Talked to Pam and we might not need to buy anything, but have a space in the school.
* Becca will need to price everything out.
* Michelle- input about the garden. We’ve lost a few people this year, maybe instead of just one person, we do a memorial garden or a bench.
* Next PTO meeting we’ll discuss further and vote. A group was formed to keep this going.

**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
* Fun Run - Sarah Burgoyne
* Spring Fling - Emily Drost, Nicole Mann, Jenna Harris
  1. Considering an event date of April 27th outdoor at Toepher 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 in January and February - Kim Underwood
  1. VIG/Son: January 29th
  2. VIG/Daughter: February 12th
* Turkey/Candy Grams - Michelle Jackson
  1. ***THANK YOU, MICHELLE!***
* 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

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~~ | January 29 - VIG/Son Night |
| ~~Spring Fling Event~~ | February 12 - VIG/Daughter Night |
| ~~Spring Fling Auction~~ | February 13 - PTO Meeting |
| ~~Spring Fundraiser~~ | February 16-19 - No School |
| Field Day | February 20 - Parent/Teacher Conferences |
| Grade Level Reps - 2nd Grade | February 22 - Parent/Teacher Conferences |