**September PTO Meeting**

**September 12, 2023**

**Agenda**

1. Grant Requests
   1. Overview of voting procedures
   2. Grant Budget Review
   3. Grants for vote: Not as many grants, but most teachers applied for the State of Colorado of up to $1k
      1. Total Grant funding remaining $8,958.25
         1. $3,958.25 remaining in first semester
      2. Tammy Velasco - Drug Free Magazines and Red Ribbons $250 For Red Ribbon Week. Physical magazines that are kid appropriate, facts coloring pages, anti-bullying.

VOTE: YES, Approved

1. Principal Updates -

* Thank you for the teacher's snacks. Helps with staff morale.
* Overview of how great Sand Creek test scores were. Sand Creek test scores now exceed that of Douglas County.
* Pam is attributing this to teachers, interventionists, analyzing data to see what areas interventionists need to focus on.
* 92% of students are meeting or exceeding grade levels for reading. This puts Sand Creek above other feeder schools. Typically you want to see above 75% and SCE is now at 92%.
* Math is a little lower but in high 80%.
* SCE exceeds expectations for literacy and math.
* We’ll hear in Spring if SCE wins any award from the State.
* Looking for SAC meetings, 4 a year, 1 hour 15 min, school plan, enrollment, scores, budget, how to spend funds, building maintenance.
* DCSD website- planning today for tomorrow- Info the district has put together for the MLO Bond. This has information for parents to share with others. Will show how MLO and Bond will impact Sand Creek.
  + Schools cannot make a stance but parents and PTO can.

1. Critical Updates/Needs
   1. Bingo Night Chair (can be Jan, Feb or Nov event)

* Need a chair. Becca left detailed notes from last year.
  1. Second Grade Class Rep
* Needed, please talk to any 2nd grade parents that might want to help.
  1. Someone to coordinate teacher meals on October 10 & 12 (we have budget)
* Sarah Burgoyne and Megan Neff volunteered to help.
  1. Do we do an online PTO meeting in October? Not currently scheduled
* Interest for trying a virtual meeting in the evening.
* Decided to try a meeting in October that is not a conference night.

1. For Discussion: Grade Reps - how can we leverage this role?

* What should we be doing with grade reps? Emily wants some feedback from teachers.
* Sarah asked about directories for each grade. Last year, all they did was the Spring Fling class baskets.
* Becca is saying grade reps should reach out to teachers to ask what they need.
* Jenna said some teachers did not want help from a grade rep. She made introductions between reps and teachers.
* Email to parents about what they can do to help.
* Teacher feedback- In a perfect world, we would like a rep for each class.
  + Don’t need parent volunteers for 6th grade or parties.
  + Like the liaison between PTO and teachers.
* Grade rep can run a Facebook page per grade. For meetups, coordination, etc.

- Private group for class, so the page follows each year.

- Jenna to follow up with grade reps with more direction

1. For Discussion: PTO support of MLO/Bond vote - should we and how?

* Emily (President) wanted to get other parent opinions, not just the PTO Board opinions. PTO is allowed to comment on Bond and MLO, teachers and admin are not. PTO can take a stance, while the admin needs to have a balanced approach.
  + PTO can share infographics on the website.
  + Parent feedback-
    - Like info from PTO, otherwise they wouldn’t get the info,
    - The infographics are factual, and it doesn't hurt to share.
    - Do we need to share arguments against?
      * No, because we’re just showing facts.
      * Jenna will help share information on the PTO page
      * For older grades, maybe they can plan more socials.

**Committee Updates**

* Restaurant Nights - Beth Ploss
  1. How much did we make from Wahoos? **$142.51**
  2. Chick-fil-a **TONIGHT - mobile orders included**
* Fun Run - Sarah Burgoyne
  1. As of this afternoon we have raised $13.7k of our goal of $40k (34%), we will continue to collect donations through 9/26
  2. 103 of 291 kids registered, going to send kids home with QR code sticker on Thursday, hopefully that number will go up
  3. Need more volunteers for day of, Becca will share link on FB Wednesday
  4. Pray for good weather!
* Fall Event - Becca Winegar
  1. 10/27 date confirmed - DJ & photobooth secured
     1. “Boo Bash”
        1. Jenna Mason - Desserts/Decoration
        2. Nicole Mann - Carnival Games/Decoration
        3. Becca Winegar - Meal Deals & Square/Communication/Decoration
        4. Kim Underwood - Volunteer sign-up/Decoration
     2. Will send save the date on FB tomorrow
        1. Formal flyer distribution in Friday Folder on 9/29
* Turkey/Candy Grams - Michelle Jackson
* Donuts with a Grown-up - Jenna Mason
* Eagle Eye - Lydia Murray
  1. Updates
  2. Updates/Needs
* Teacher Appreciation - Ashlee Franklin

1. Staff lounge was stocked with donations from families. Next month we have a small gift for staff along with realtors providing breakfast or lunch on Oct. 30th and stocking the lounge again in November with the other half of donations.
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 | September 15 - Fun Run |
| Spring Fling Event | September 22 - No School |
| Spring Fling Auction | September 29 - Fun Run Assembly |
| Spring Fundraiser | October 10th - Parent Teacher Conference |
| Field Day | October 12 - Parent Teacher Conference |
| Grade Level Reps - 2nd Grade |  |