

Orchard PTO Minutes

May 13th, 2020

- I. Meeting called to order at 3:37 pm by Sarah Landon
- II. Educational Bosses/Principal's Week is next week. To celebrate, as each person spoke out in the meeting, they prefaced their statement by proclaiming what they appreciate about Alysia Arsanto.
- III. Treasurer's Report – Jon Hall – Incoming funds for the month included revenue from Silent Auction, yearbook sales and profit from seating at the Talent Show, large expenses during the past month include the purchase of an indoor GagaBall Pit for the PE program, Covid Stimulus Package and poster frames for the school. The preliminary budget for 2020-2021 will be voted on during the June meeting. At least 10 people will need to be in attendance in order for the budget to be passed.
- IV. Principal's Report – Alysia Arsanto- Thanks were passed on from the teachers for the teacher appreciation/quarantine stimulus package, and teachers were given appreciation gifts from Jillian and Alysia. 7%/50 of our students have not been participating in an online classroom or in communications with their classroom teacher. Staff has reached out to families with NP students and are problem-solving with them.
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. Yearbook – CJ Rodriguez – The yearbooks have been paid for and we are awaiting delivery. Sales will open up via the Square site on Friday, May 15th and will close on the 27th. If we have surplus yearbooks, people may still purchase one after this date, but we will not be ordering more after the 27th. Books will be distributed in the bus loop during the week of June 12th. Besides FB, the sales like will be given to teachers to send to their classrooms and also sent out in the weekly newsletter from the principal.
 - b. Spirit Wear –Sarah Landon for Tara Symons – The spirit wear link is still active and the order is still open. The only item that has reached the minimum requirement for printing is the hat.
 - c. Silverwood Read to Ride –Sarah Landon for Tara Symons – Tickets have been distributed via email. The last day to resend tickets is the 15th, so Tara has reached out on FB asking those parents that have not received their ticket to email her.
 - d. Book Fair – Rebecca Boyd- Book fair ends on May 14th. It was decided to order books to donated to students in the Orchard Hills apartments. Danica Garcia will reach out to the apartment staff to find out how to best do this (small space for a lending library, etc). Scholastic Rewards will be used to purchase the books.
 - e. Cultural Fair – Cynthia Hargunani- A virtual Cultural Fair is being planned, with 8 or 9 countries being represented with a video presentation posted on FB, Dojo and the school website. There is talk of a Zoom event, with country 'hosts' available to answer questions from students, along with dance tutorial from the PE program. A tentative date at the beginning of June is being looked at.
- VI. Old Business

- a. Teacher Appreciation -Kriste Colley-Kummer- The PTO board members delivered bags of cash to teachers to reimburse them for items they have purchased for online learning. The money utilized had been budgeted for Orchard activities that can no longer take place this year.
 - b. Poster Frames -Tammy Morrow- Tammy purchased the frames and is working on trimming the Teach To posters, framing and rehanging them in the school.
- VII. New Business
- a. Teacher Grants from Silent Auction – Sarah Landon- Proceeds from the spring Silent Auction have traditionally been used to fund VISA gift cards for classroom teachers in the fall. Due to the auction being moved to an online format, it made less money than in the past. Each classroom teacher will receive a base amount of \$150. Teachers who contributed an auction item will receive a \$50 bonus (per item). If they item raised \$200 or more, an additional \$50 bonus will be given.
 - b. 5th Grade Promotion Celebration – Alysia Arsanto- Alysia has contacted the 5th grade teachers and let them know that we are willing to help with whatever plans they have to celebrate their students. She will make contact with them again.
 - c. LEGO Club Virtual Meetings – CJ Rodriguez- CJ has been emailing LEGO Challenges to the club and they send back photos of their creations, or show them off during a Zoom meeting.
 - d. Nominations for Board Positions – Kriste Colley-Kummer- There are three open executive board positions for the 2020-2021 school year; President, Vice President and Assistant Secretary. Kriste Colley-Kummer nominated CJ Rodriguez for President, Sarah Landon seconded the nomination. Kriste Colley-Kummer nominated Danica Garcia for Vice President, Aga Tashea seconded the nomination. Kriste Colley-Kummer nominated Allie Johnson for Assistant Secretary, Alysia Arsanto seconded the nomination. The nominations will be voted on during the June PTO meeting, where at least 10 people need to be in attendance.
 - e. Jog-A-Thon Committee -There are 5 Jog-a-Thon positions that need to be filled; t-shirts, website, day-of-event coordinator, prizes and lead. Alysia is going to send out a notice in her weekly newsletter. There has been some interest in the website coordinator, and Tammy is planting some seeds with families that she is in contact with. Interested parties can contact Sarah Landon for more information.
- VIII. Next Meeting – June 3rd, 3:30, Zoom platform
- IX. Meeting adjourned by Sarah Landon at 4:37 pm

In Attendance

Sarah Landon

CJ Rodriguez

Jon Hall

Kriste Colley-Kummer

Rebecca Boyd

Kathy Preszler

Danica Garcia

Janet Flohr

Cynthia Hargunani

Aga Tashea

Tammy Morrow

Allie Johnson

Alysia Arsanto