

PTA Meeting November, 16, 2021

Attendees: 12

Welcome – Dulce

Approval of October Minutes – Courtney Motioned to approve the minutes, Becca seconded.

President's Update – Alma

District PTA upcoming fundraiser for the scholarship fund: Top Golf in March

Dr. Campbell reminded us about the chain of command, go to teacher first, then principal, etc.

They sent out an SEL survey for every school, this is for the students. Example questions were sent to parents.

Reflections is in need of judges.

SERG is looking to buy books with different ability representation to provide to each school.

Committee Reports:

Membership – Yesenia Ochoa – 137 members!

Treasurer – Maritza Beltran

Membership is up

Fundraising – Affy Tapple earned \$1,276.95

Miscellaneous expenses posted.

Mascot – Karen Sienko

2 posters made for the school

Part of the roll out will include newly branded water bottles for every student and staff member. These will hopefully will be in before the Winter Break.

Spirit Wear – Kristen Anderson

Hoping for a fast turnaround, as the goal. Will likely have the same features as before, which is looking to be ready before the break.

Fundraising – Renee Gagliardo & Jenn Kovacs

Affy Tapple – Big success

You've Been Jingled – Online at the member hub store.

Pilot Pete's is going to go live on Monday the 22nd, deliveries will be December 13th.

Culver's Eat n Earn – haven't heard from the organization, but heard that it had done well.

Fundraising through Kindness – like a sponsorship where children do kindness activities. Still being discussed.

Reflections – Judith Barrientos - Friday is the deadline for submissions!

Penguin Patch – Alma

December 9 & 10! Hosting in the Library. Will close for an hour during lunch. Usually, the kids love it and have a lot of fun.

Winter Parties – Kristen Anderson, Jenn Kovacs, and Kurt Anderson

December 22 - Need parent volunteers, only 45 minutes this year.

The volunteers do a game or a craft. Can do a snack, but need to follow the snack protocols.

School Clubs – Becca McCracken & Kristen Anderson

Trying to determine what this looks like, during COVID and other things.

Would like to begin a Kindness Club for Fischer. Will work in partnership with York's Key Club. Will send out a survey to the parents, to see who is interested in volunteering. May tie in with the city-wide Kindness effort. Will look at all grades, run for 6 weeks after break. Then think about monthly activities after that.

DPAC – Karen Sienko

Next Meeting - December 2nd – 630 pm

Dr. Campbell is attending.

REACH – Vanessa Paoli

Need a new liaison, if anyone is interested. This is a person that is a voice for Fischer, rather than just someone that is there to take notes for Fischer.

Math Family Night sponsored by Reach will not be done at Fischer, as the teachers will be hosting their own.

SERG – Courtney Barcus (Special Education Resource Group)

SERG is applying for a grant and is looking to create a kit of books so that each library has different ability representation. They are looking for age-appropriate books that represent different abilities. If there are books that you can recommend, please let them know.

Will look at sponsoring an SEL night for parents. How do you support your child in SEL and how to support students that have disabilities and special needs? No date yet.

There is a Facebook page for SERG. So, if there is a parent with a student with a 504 or IEP, then reach out to Courtney Barcus.

Giving Tree – Sara Dennison

All families have been claimed! Emails will be sent to those that signed up

Those that still want to participate, but were not able to sign up, gift card donations to JEWEL would be much appreciated.

District Questions:

Diversity discussions: What resources are available to help parents have discussions with their children at an age-appropriate level about race, alternate lifestyles, special needs, etc? What resources are available to the district for these things? Example: Dwarfism Awareness Month was mentioned in an email from Dr. Campbell, but there was nothing discussed at the classroom level.

Some schools may have resources, but not everything may have been shared to all of the schools.

Principal's Report

Parent Mentor program was highlighted at the district staff meeting.

Vaccination clinic is November 17th, from 4-7pm. Previous school that did it had 400 children.

Will start a partnership with a church, Kid's Hope USA, for tutoring during lunch. We will start again in January.

Panorama survey, for SEL, this is not for K-1, for 2 the teacher is answering. For 3-5, the students are answering the survey this week. This will give teachers and staff the ability to guide curriculum for SEL as needed for the school and students.

Parent/Teacher Conferences are next week, Monday and Tuesday. We are seeking 100% participation. So, if parents have not signed up, they will be receiving a call.

Giving Tree – 60 families have been selected for the giving tree and the Elmhurst Police Department supported 10 more families. Jewel gift cards will also be given to the families.

Movie – Disney is coming to Elmhurst; they are throwing a pre-screening premier of Christmas Again. It will be at York, November 30th at 430pm. Wear your Fischer colors or gear.

5th Graders – We are going to start doing outdoor education, March 14th and 15th. Laredo Taft is from NIU campus.

Reading Night – December 16th, 630-730pm. This will provide technology information, reading ideas, and other information for parents. Children are welcome.

Issues with the K-1 students and being too rough. They may not realize how to be with others yet or that they are being too rough. In 1st grade, they may not realize how to make friends with other children.

PTA donated money for the school to buy recess supplies!

PTA Donated \$1,000 for recess equipment and \$3,000 for a new sound system. This has been approved by the board.

Bought Ms. Spinelli a new speaker with a microphone, which can travel when she is outside. Others in the district had this and recommended it. She will receive it tomorrow morning.

Questions

Monday for Parent Teach Night – PTA will be providing dinner for teachers and staff in the building, which has been ordered from Manga Napoli.

Better attendance with child care? Maybe key club members could be tapped for this. We used NHS students before.

Adjourn - Courtney motioned to adjourn and Kristen seconded.