
In Attendance

Melissa DeLoreto- Principal, Jennifer D'Angelo –President, Sarah Susco – Treasurer, Emily Shrader – Secretary
Parents/Teachers – Robin Foley

Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves.

Principal's Report

- The search for a new principal has begun and they hope to conclude by May.
- Second grade plays concluded, they were videotaped and sent to parents. 4th grade will be working on their plays, 3rd grade is working on songs, and K & 1 are working on their dance. The \$6,000 that the PTA puts towards these programs is appreciated and valuable to all.
- Report cards will be released Friday the 18th.
- Parent information night for 4th grade families regarding middle school will be 3/23 at 6:00 at ELMS.
- There will be open houses for Creative 3/23 and 4/27.
- Reminder that all field trips have to be planned by the schools and approved by administration.
- Upcoming dates
 - 3/25- Crazy Sock Day
 - 3/30-3/31- Parent Conferences
 - 4/4-4/8- Book Fair
 - 4/8- School Pride Day
 - 4/15- Begins Spring Break
 - 4/29- Dress your best

Review/Fundraiser's Report

- Flanders Fish Dine Out brought in \$685 (315 from the restaurant and 370 from the raffle baskets)
- Apparel Sale made \$660; estimated ship date 3/24

Treasurer's Report

- Bank account balance as of 3/16/22= \$22,359.04; Previous month's balance= \$22,074.92
- Since a review had not been completed in recent years, we had a review conducted as specified by CT PTA. During the review, we realized there was some missing documentation so the former treasurer and president worked with us to retrieve the information. Two non-board member parents participated in the review and the paperwork was sent to CT PTA.
- Moving forward we plan to update the by-laws to make sure that there is more oversight and more checks and balances. Monthly withdrawals are currently overseen by the president, treasurer, and a parent who is a non-board member. The president signs off on the monthly review. Sarah is using Quickbooks regularly, keeping all receipts, and uploading banking documents.
- Income this month totaled: \$1,263.90 included Flanders Fish Dine Out (685), Amazon Smile (66.98), and recovered funds from errors found during the review process (311.92).
- Expenses this month totaled \$979.78 included money spent on cookbooks (652.30), popcorn (99.98), cash for dine out raffle basket cashbox (200), CT PTA memberships (27.50)

Current

- Cookbooks: will arrive 4/1 and will make a great Mother's Day gift; We ended up with over 60 recipes.
- Gaga pit: We will be setting up a meeting with the facilities director to discuss the 2 design options and determine a good location, taking possible drainage issues into consideration since we will most likely need to use stone dust. Flanders experiences drainage issues so we reached out to people there to find out how much of a problem it is. Jen D'Angelo mentioned that Mrs. Ellal and her husband may like to be involved in the build. We discussed possible ways to fund this upgrade including asking for wood donations from the building supply stores and direct donation.
- Change Challenge is going on now and the kids are having fun with it. The winning grade will get extra recess.
- Teacher Reimbursements: Teachers need to submit paperwork before 4/1; discussed increasing the amount for next year.
- Next PTA meeting date change: Since the meeting falls during Spring break, we will change the next meeting to 4/13. We will also add a meeting for 6/8 to wrap up the school year.

Upcoming/New Business

- Unofficial Fill-a-bag sale; all proceeds will go to PTA. Items will include women's new and gently used clothing, shoes, jewelry, and accessories, and we will add in Elf Shelf items that haven't sold. The sale will be at the Orchard's Clubhouse. Contact Jen if you'd like to donate or volunteer.
- There will be no art show this year.
- Book Fair: 4/4-4/8, with set up on 4/1; Sign up genius is online, must have volunteer form on file; we will ask Mr. Sean if he can stay late one night so parents can shop.
- Teacher Appreciation Week 5/2-5/6; We discussed doing something special each day; one of those days will be a luncheon where the PTA will pay for sandwiches and salads and parents can donate drinks and desserts.
- Fun Day- We cannot have inflatables for Fun Day this year.
- 4th grade ice cream trunk will be 6/14, costs more than projected.

Questions/Comments/Feedback

- Robin suggested looking into a large book fair sign to attract buyers.

Next Meeting

April 13th at 6:30pm, the Library at Lillie B. Haynes