

PTA Meeting March 15, 2022



Attendees: 12 in attendance, meeting began at 7:05pm

Welcome – Dulce

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes - Courtney motions to approve, Paula seconds

President's Report - Dulce

Spirit wear will start next week and go through spring break. Spirit wear will be delivered Bingo night, if you cannot pick up that evening it will be sent home. Kristen Anderson is running the sale.

New Sound System has been ordered as a donation from the PTA to the school.

In/Outdoor recess materials have been ordered as a donation from the PTA to the school.

Looking for quotes for a mascot costume for our new Panther. Have one company in mind, but looking for others.

Need a name for our Panther...may seek submissions from students to name the Panther.

Board slate is open. Karen and Gwen are running the nominating committee. If you are interested in joining the board, let them know. If you know someone that is interested, have them contact Karen and/or Gwen.

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Treasurer's Report - Maritza

Committee Reports -

Membership - Nothing to report

Fundraising - Renee

Field Day Tshirt - All students can order a shirt, which will be \$12. Royal blue, mascot on the sleeve, with a Field Day logo. Next year looking at each grade having a different color to commemorate Field Day at Fischer. Need 4 weeks to print. If parents want to donate a shirt, write DONATE on the order form. Orders are due April 8th.

Gym Shoe donations - looking at working with a company that takes used gym shoes (soft sole), each pair donated provides \$7 back to the PTA. May coordinate this with the Parent Mentor's Reduce, Reuse, Recycle promotion.

Read A Thon - Calculate how long your kids read and it raises money through pledges. In the air.

Kilwins eat n earn - planning for the end of the year.

Science Olympiad - Paula - 134 participants for this year. 47 volunteers! Need a co-chair for next year.

Running Club - no updates - begins in April 11th, during lunch.

Bingo Night - Clare and Jen Serio - in the works for April 22nd, 630-8p.

School Supplies - Joey - Going well, First Day School Supplies. Can open the link for supplies whenever we want. Can order until the end of June, will start the orders on April 8th. Worked hard on keeping costs low.

DPAC - Karen - Next meeting is April 7th. Meeting will be a parent's outing at Brewpoint Craft.

REACH - Dulce - How to support your child at home with math, but most was in Apps. Understanding the math concepts, over memorization. No topics for the next meeting was announced. There is a lot going on with appeals, some students may need to retake MAP testing so there could be a delay.

SERG - Courtney - Large parent event in January for How to Create Friendships and Understanding how to create relationships with students with disabilities. Parent panel went through what it means and how to work with other students. It was recorded and is available on the SERG website.

SERG will be doing another parent night in April on Math and how to scaffold mathematical understanding for students. Presenter from Univ of FL to provide the strategies.

SERG also submitted a grant application for THEIMS Grant through D205 Foundation to purchase books for the library on texts/books that included students of different abilities. Librarians will be able to purchase books from a pre-approved list.

Reflections - Judith - 8 honorable mentions going to Nationals, 1 from Fischer (Elorah Kamins)! CONGRATS ELORAH!!!

COMMITTEE IDEAS - Becca - Would like to add and become the head of a DEI committee for PTA. (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) Need to discuss adding this as a committee for next year.

May Events:

Teacher Appreciation - Maritza

Breakfast & Books - Kristen and Jenn - May 14th Books - Alma May 12th-14th, fair will run Thurs and Fri at school, but also be open during the Pancake Breakfast on the 14th.

Ready, Set, Glow Dance! - Judith - May 20th

5th EOY Celebration - Lisa Janco

Field Day - Jamee Kenny

Principal's Report - Principal Villa - Just came back from 5th grade overnight, Outdoor Ed. Loreda Taft, NIU campus. 6 teachers and 67 students went, had a great time. This was a first for Fischer, but it will be repeated! Almost all other schools in the district do this or something very similar.

Testing this week. 5th grade after spring break, math, reading, and science.

Officer Villez - Modified DARE, met with 5th grade students.

Parent Mentors campaign - send in your used crayons! Reduce, Reuse, Recycle! Will be hosting someone from the recycle center on what is recyclable or not.

April 9th - Plant In

4th/5th - Battle of the Books - Compete within the school and then across the district. Read 5 books, then battle with questions about the books.

Costa Rica Night - went really well. Thank you Kira!

Construction - We will need to create 2 exterior doors for fire egress. Construction as a whole starts in April.

Lunch - Back in the MPR and the gym is the gym again.

April 13th - 6-7p - Math Night hosted by the teachers and staff.

5 Essentials - received a 27% response rate. Will receive the results in September.

New Business - Eureka Math - look on YouTube for Engage New York with the grade and module. Math night will include supports for parents to help students.

Gloves - Can we purchase gloves for the students for cleaning and picking up trash? Dollar store has some (Heike) for gardening.

Adjournment - Courtney motioned to adjourn, Becca 2nd.

Meeting ended at 8:00pm.