

PTO Meeting 2/13

Attendees: Elyse Shorez, Melissa Miller, Jess Widen, Amy Larson, Megan Warfield-Kimball, Dawn Eckstrom, Jamie Zachman, Cat Eveland, Corey Lahr

Principal Update

- One Book One School- Going well, shorter chapters are nice, answers are coming in regularly, so we know they are being read.

Meal Donations

- Enough for lunch the next day too
- Treats for that Friday after conferences appreciated.
- Next year we will do one Meal Train ask at the beginning of year to fund conference meals/staff appreciation.

Read-a-thon-

- Website was a win. Process worked well with the tip vs fee structure. (Some reached out and said that it processed as Facebook vs STME PTO- this is something we can just input next time to avoid that.)
- Final Amount Raised- \$20,735.51
- Jess will follow up with an email regarding company match programs.
- Other feedback/ Brainstorming-Parents really enjoyed bingo, use thermometer image more, lots of \$ requests at the same time of year, how do we make the fundraiser more focused on reading vs. fundraising? Have a school goal vs individual classroom. Have decide in the past not to pledge per minute due to difficulty of tracking. Could give script for parents to talk to family members, do a 'how to' with the kids on how to call/ask for donations, engage older kids/volunteers in driving enthusiasm.
- Plan brainstorming session for future read-a-thon and fun run- could be a committee assignment.

Budget for Playground-

- Very close to being ready to purchase- trying for a few more donations to get to the next level structure. (If able to get to this level allow students to pick the structure colors)
- If we do not get to next structure level allow students to select one of two structures in the lower price range
- City is covering landscaping- looking for potential donation for concrete, playground installer is donating playground grade woodchip and brining down install cost.
- Would love a August install date with a ribbon cutting at orientation

Book Bingo-

- March 24th can use FYCC reusable bingo boards to save on cost
- Mr. Hagerty is going to call BINGO
- Going to do a suggested donation, will have popcorn available at no charge, will have snacks available for purchase

March Staff Appreciation-

- March 17th- Yogurt Parfaits with green sprinkles

Restaurant Update-

- Culvers is chasing down two checks that should be here next week. Culvers likes to do fundraisers Sept-June they are happy to allow us to do more fundraisers- working on scheduling.
- 5 Guys- No one is using them for donations its 20% can do a Tues/Wed
- Space Aliens- request submitted.

Misc.

- Many parents, staff members and community members would like to have online access to school board meetings- please reach out to board members via email if you desire online access to show there is a desire from parents for this to be made available.