

Fischer PTA Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2023 7:00pm

Attendees: Start Time: 7:06

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome - Rebecca Jamsen

Last week's minutes approval: Gwen motioned to approve, Rebecca seconded

Welcome & Introductions (Kristen Anderson)

- Thank You
 - Renee Gargliardo for chairing Custodian Appreciation Day
 - Renee Gargliardo for meeting with one of the school's social workers, Ms. Sam Dunne, to set up activities at the school for Red Ribbon Week
 - Karen and Alma (and their team!) for the amazing book fair
 - Natalie Escamilla and Courtney Barcus for hosting the 2nd grade mom's night out and Samantha Long for hosting Kinder Mom's Night Out
- PTA Council Update
 - First PTA Council meeting was in September
 - Foundation 205 Christmas trees sale. \$35 for trees, fundraiser for Foundation 205 which gives grants to our schools
 - Reflections- National competition for art (theme this year: "I am hopeful because...").
- Misc. Updates
 - Google Form Volunteer Opportunities. We still need some volunteers for some open positions!
 - Open positions listed in the newsletter

Finance – (Kristen Anderson for Amy Lippert)

- Taxes and certificate of insurance have been filed
- We have had some unexpected donations from the Moms Night Outs!
- Reminder: please stay in budget when planning events
- Fundraising (Cynthia Sorrell)
 - Eat N Earn at Kilwins brought in \$57.33
 - Next Eat and Earn is Guac & Taco on Wednesday 9/27 (116 S York St) after 4pm
 - Looking for a volunteer to be the Panther for an hour to greet families
 - Next fundraisers: Eat N' Earn October 19- Currito (11am- 9pm)
 - November 12- Chicago Wolves game

Historian/Governance – (Lindsey Crane)

- This is a new role- the historian gathers information from chairs after events to organize notes/thoughts on things that worked and change things for next year, + keep track of pictures
- Started sending out post-event surveys, 3/3 on responses

Academic Achievement

- REACH (Maribelle Vasavanont)- REACH had its first meeting, with a speaker from Beyond the Classroom. Tips on how to stay organized during the school year and find a balance between extra-curricular activities and school were given. Funding: REACH teacher Mrs. Alexander gets \$75, extra money was put toward math competitions last year. Next meeting is 10/12 on zoom, time TBD.
- Book fair (Kristen Anderson)- every student at Fischer got a \$7 or \$10 voucher to get free books. There will be another book fair in the spring.
- SERG- next meeting date and how to get updates are in the newsletter
- DPAC (Rashidat Brobbey)- next meeting is this Thursday 7-8pm to discuss the middle school dual plan.

Social Programs / Campus & Community

- Hispanic Heritage Month (Melissa White)
 - Sunday October 1st at Conrad Fischer at the playground. The entertainment will include El Mago (a bilingual magic show) and a performance by the Latinos Unidos Club at York. They will teach a traditional dance. Churros from La Casa del Churro and hot chocolate from Brewpoint will be served. Looking for 1-2 stores for sweets from other hispanic roots. Still need help with music.
 - Set up 2-2:30pm, event starts at 2:30pm
 - PTA donation box will be put out, as well as membership sign up for PTA

Communication

- Directory Spot- Judith found a video teaching how to access directory spot, the video will be sent out in the next PTA newsletter. Directory Spot will be updated once the final class list has been uploaded, in October

Membership

- We have 63 members. Information to sign up will be at all events and we will have a QR code on the front door of the school

School Support –

- Custodian Appreciation Day (Renee). Lunch/dinner will be provided and a banner will be created for students to sign
- Stock the Teacher's Lounge is going very well, we just had more snacks donated. Ms. Spinelli is the teacher rep and tells the PTA what they need
- Amazon Wish List- lists of items that teachers need that parents can purchase
 - Links for the lists will go out in the newsletters

Yearbook (Karen)

- Meeting with the yearbook company next week to get things started.

Principal's Report – (Dr. Martinez)

- Thank you PTA for providing mascot for first ROAR assembly

- Students took the MAP testing in their dominant language, now taking LAS Links
- Progress of the dual language program and what middle school dual will look like at the next DPAC meeting
- New clubs will be offered in certain grades: choir, art, learning resource, outdoor ed, safety patrol, Girls on the Run, video game club, lego club, and Student Council. Sign up information will be sent home.

IMPORTANT DATES:

9/26- 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Scholastic Book Fair After School Shopping

9/26 7:00-8:00 pm. PTA MEETING!! Babysitting will be provided

9/27: 4:00 pm-CLOSE Eat and Earn! Guac and Tacos 116 S York Street Location

9/28 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. DPAC Meeting (Review of district audit)

9/29-8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.-Coffee with the Principal (MPR)

10/1-2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.-Hispanic Heritage Month Party!

10/27 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.-Fall Fest (Fischer Elementary School various rooms)

Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 08:03pm