

PJHS PTO Special Approval
May 29th, 2012

A special request was made via email (see below) concerning the Literacy Team project. Due to the time sensitivity of the request, an immediate vote had to be taken by the PTO board.

Motion was made by Stephanie Gilliam to approve funding the literacy team's proposed project up to \$3750 with the understanding that they will be requested to report back to us at the end of their efforts about the level of success of this program and they will look for additional funding sources for future years if repeating this endeavor. The PTO will also fund an author visit for the culminating activity up to \$1500. If the author visit is not the culminating activity, PTO is open to a presentation/proposal of an alternate activity but don't guarantee that would be approved.

The motion was seconded by Lisa Albaugh.

The request was approved on 5/30/12. Those board members voting were: Stephanie Gilliam, Lisa Albaugh, Katie Klein and Lisa Nichols.

This result was forwarded to Principal Lamboley on 5/30/12.

From email sent on 5/22/12:
Katie and Lisa N,

On Monday, Lisa Albaugh and I met with Mr. Lamboley and 2 8th grade teachers to hear a proposal for an all-school literacy activity that they would like PTO to fund. We need to determine rather quickly (in the next week) if we would like to fund this. The teachers would like to start buying the items needed for the activity now so they will be ready when school starts. So the Board needs to take a vote on this - do we need to get together or can we do it over email. Lisa A will be out of town, but I could meet if needed. I'll try to summarize the proposal - Lisa A - jump in with your comments.

The goal is to get all the students at Parkside exciting about reading. In this activity, they will be allowed to choose the books they read. The idea is a treasure hunt with clues received after reading a book. There will be prizes along the way and 5 grand prizes at the end of the year.

Here are the main steps in the activity.

1. Student reads book of his/her own choosing
2. Teacher has a discussion with student and confirms the book has been read by initialing treasure hunt bookmark
3. Student takes initialed bookmark to gatekeeper to get a clue to be used within one of the seven "treasure books"
4. Student uses the book to solve the clue
5. Student takes the answer to the gatekeeper to get a puzzle piece
6. Student repeats until he/she has collected all six puzzle pieces and the key

Their "budget" for the event is \$3,741

\$751 for 1000 bookmarks, puzzle pieces, game boards and keys

5 grand prizes at \$100 each

\$500 for four banners coded with messages

70 staff t-shirts and 150 student t-shirts - \$1370

10 copies of seven treasure books each - \$560

5 treasure chests @ \$12 each

Per Joe, PTO is going to end the year with a balance of around \$7,000. We don't know how much we will bring in with the no hassle fundraiser next year. So I feel like we are determining if we want to use some of the carryover balance of \$7,000 for this activity.

The teachers and Mr. Lamboley are very excited about trying this activity. I like that it is an all school activity that we would be supporting.

Please let me know how you would like to proceed on this. I'd be happy to get together or talk over the phone. Let me know what works best.

Stephanie