

Fischer PTA Meeting Minutes

January 30, 2024 7:00pm

Attendees: 11
Start Time: 7:05pm

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

November minutes approval: Approved

Welcome (Kristen Anderson)

Thank you- Jen Serio who ran Bingo Night, it was a great success!

PTA Council Update- School PTA presidents are continuing discussions about equity amongst schools and students. Dukes that Dine event that supports the scholarship fund- February 29. Foundation 205 gala this Friday, silent auctions available for bidding for the public online.

Mural- Students voted and chose the star gazing option. It will be painted during spring break or over the summer.

Foundation 205 Grants- Amy will email teachers about grants from the Foundation 205 and offer support to start writing the grants. Rebecca's mom has experience with grant writing and could also help proofread. Rebecca will research real time translation supports we could use at PTA meetings to possibly submit a grant. Amy will start a google document to keep track grants for teachers.

Finance – (Amy Lippert)

- Treasurer report
 - Balance: \$1,6782.87
 - Staff dinner for Curriculum Night cost \$300.00
 - Fall Fest (10/27/23) total expenses were \$399.58, plus the 93.00 custodial fee
 - Winter Parties (12/22/23) went over the \$700 budget by \$61.89
 - "Coffee w/ the Principal" expenses are already approaching the \$250 budget
- Fundraising
 - \$175.93 from the Portillo's Eat 'n Earn
 - No Eat n Earn currently scheduled for February
 - \$165 in cash revenue from Fall Fest spirit wear sales

- \$61.40 from Box Tops
- Idea: ordering spirit wear in bulk (especially kids size) and selling to families (especially successful at events before spirit days). Motion to purchase tshirts in bulk to sell at the pancake breakfast passed. We will ask Dr. Martinez if the school can have more spirit wear days.

Historian/Governance – (Lindsey Crane)

- We received more pictures, which are now stored on the drive. We need more variety, it would be helpful to put a request in the newsletter for specific events. Dr. Martinez might also have more pictures.

Academic Achievement

- REACH [Maribelle Vasvanont]- REACH is offering to organize a Math Night
- SERG [Courtney Barcus]- no update
- DPAC [Rashidat Brobbey/Natalie Escamilla]- Recent meeting for 5th grade parents explaining details for Dual Language at middle school. Recording of questions/answers was emailed to all parents. Next meeting: February 15.
- Science Olympiad- March 1. We will need lots of volunteers. Currently brainstorming ideas for things to do with the kids for the first 15 minutes in MPR while parent volunteers set up.
- Yearbook update- 62 books have been sold. We will be having a Yearbook cover contest for students with a deadline for artwork of Feb 26th. Flyers with details will go out this week.
 - Continue to send pictures to the pta email.

Social Programs / Campus & Community

- Bingo Night Report- it was a huge success! Not as well attended as last year but every child went home with a prize and enthusiasm was high.
- Pancake Breakfast- February 24. \$20 for up to 6 people or \$5 a person.
- Trivia Night- March 15. 11 tickets have been ordered, we need many more! Lots of fun prizes have been donated. Tickets are \$40 each **until 2/16**, then the price goes up to \$48 after February 16.
 - \$440 total ticket sales to date (plus Givebacks / MemberHub fees; the fees are \$3.90 for each pair of tickets purchased, for a total of \$83.90)
- Cultural Night- Date TBD, tentatively April 5th pending approval from Dr. Martinez
- Open House- April 18, 5:30-6:30pm, will try to have the book fair open at the same time

Membership

- Membership update- we are at 99 members
- Raffle- Chelsea Merker and Hilda Gomez were winners!

School Support/Classroom Engagement

- Kindness Week- 2/12 to 2/16

- 100th day- donations for the pantry going on all week

Principal Report

- Dr. Martinez unable to attend meeting

Adjournment – 8:12pm meeting adjourned