

CCCK-8 PTSA General Membership Meeting 11/13/17

In attendance: Joanna Waggoner, Laurie Zuess, Patricia Dohn, Tami Lawson, Heather McLaughlin, Lesa Clarkson, Laura Graves, Lena Benisch, Jody Dickson, Christine Neff

Officer Reports

- October minutes approved (*Heather*)
- Membership Report (*Lesa*):
 - 9 new people have joined since October 1 for a total of 54 members.
 - Goal is 85.
 - Perhaps put another recruitment notice in Friday Folder.

- Financial Report (*Lesa*)
 - About \$10,000 in account
 - Cindy's rocks: approximately \$100 raised
 - Evergreen fundraiser:
 - \$231 in purchases so far;
 - Tami will put flyer in Friday Folder this week;
 - Ad went into Mountain Messenger (thank you Tami!!)

 - Socks: approximately 50 pairs still available for sale, mostly sizes S & M

- Volunteer/Classroom/Enrichment Report (*Jody*)
 - We have not yet specifically asked families for this, so need to send out a flyer to families.
 - Teachers don't always seem to be utilizing their available funds;
 - perhaps room parents could help the teachers research enrichment activities and remember to communicate with PTSA about any funds available
 - Jen will send a link to room parents about SCDF options/ideas

- Structure & Open Positions (*Jody*)
 - 2018 – 2019 Events Chair: Sadly, Laura Graves will be retiring as Activities Chair after this year, since they are planning to move. We need to begin finding a replacement (or 2) so that Laura can begin to train

- Student Council/National Junior Honors Society (Lena Rosario and Marley with Judi Sievers)
 - Middle School Dance:
 - decorations and coordination went more smoothly than past dances;
 - charged money this time with resulting profit of approximately \$100
 - would like to buy disco ball with proceeds (\$160 from Block party live); requesting that PTSA match money to obtain; they are offering consistent babysitting during PTSA meetings for remainder of the year in exchange for donation
 - BoxTops:
 - there are still boxtops left over from last year that will be submitted
 - fall deadline for submittal has passed;

- next competition will begin in Jan or Feb; next deadline is in March
- Student Council meets 1 day/week
- Classroom prizes for various PTSA collection competitions:
 - Teachers request that financial support and/or help organizing to pay for prizes would be appreciated. Currently the teacher of the winning class has been footing the bill and organizing the prize.
 - Perhaps PTSA could build a prize fund
- Student led conferences for 5-8
 - Conferences seemed to go well; most families liked this structure
 - Most negative feedback from parents was around time issues; either that it took too long or that they were simply unprepared for how long it would take
- Outdoor Lab Week:
 - Generally positive experience for everyone
 - For future reference, each school that attends is responsible for providing 1 night of entertainment during the week. This year Mr. Birch kindly donated his time and music.
- Trick-or-Treat/ St. Haunted Halls
 - Teachers feel that Haunted halls may not be sustainable due to the number of hours given to this project by 5-8 teachers, paras and kids. The entire week is disrupted. The decorating can also be destructive to the school.
 - Perhaps an after-school committee activity? Or PTSA takes it over? Or gather outsider volunteers to take it on?
 - Need to start planning Trick-Treat Street at least 2 weeks in advance.
 - 5-8 teachers do not want to be in charge of it next year.

Committee Reports and Open Business

- Health & Wellness (*Christine*)
 - Health and Wellness Week: will be week of Feb 5, 2018. To include screen-free week.
- After-school (*Lena*)
 - Current events:
 - Embryology
 - 3-D printing
 - Open gym: very popular! Has a waitlist. Remind families that only those kids who have signed up can attend—unenrolled siblings should not be attending
 - Cooking has ended; surprisingly low attendance but went well
- Special Events (*Laura*)
 - Trick or Treat St Feedback:
 - Seemed to go more smoothly than last year
 - There was enough food
 - next year would like to add photo booth;
 - Holiday Music:
 - Instrumental only this year (5-8th) on Dec 14.
 - PTSA will provide drinks and goodies again

- All-School Skate / Teacher Luncheon will occur on Dec 20
- Men Make A Difference Day
 - Tricia Logan has requested that the Science Fair coincide with Men Make a Difference day.
- Male Engagement (*Jason*) : not addressed due to Jason's absence
- Teacher Appreciation (*Laura*)
- Fundraising (*OPEN*)
 - Evergreen Fundraiser – orders due 11/28
- 2017-2018 Budget was Finalized and Approved
- 2017 – 2018 Goal Progress (*Jody*)
 - Rachel's Challenge:
 - Still need to follow-up with Rachel's Challenge activities
 - Lena will touch base with Sarah Stormont
 - Eagle Eyes:
 - Have met 15 days of attendance; goal is 50 days
 - 3 new Eagles have volunteered
 - Meeting Attendance: Averaging 10 attendees at monthly meetings

New Business (*Jody*)

- Approved matching funds for 7-8 Disco Ball up to \$100.
- Community Garden:
 - Lena spoke with Bruce at Jeffco Extension Office place about organizing a garden. Bruce has agreed to donate seeds and his expertise.
 - Jen has approved an outdoor area
 - TEG may have individuals who would help with this project—Jodi will contact these individuals.
 - Would need to find water since school well cannot provide outdoor watering.
- New facilities manager =Len Houle
- Help Please
 - Lena will connect with FOR group (Ms. Stormont)
 - Math curriculum night: need to set up this parent training next year, early in the year—late September maybe

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