

PTO Exec Meeting

Principal Report-Nancy Zitzmann

- Technology team met, computer lab in library won't last must longer. Came up with idea of having a chrome book cart for two classes to share for grades 1 and 2. K would like to have 4-5 chrome books in each classroom. They could bring chrome books down to the lab in the library and eventually have a chrome book cart specifically for the library. Would need around 100 chrome books for this to happen. Cost is \$250 per chrome book.
- Two best funds. One from John Helmig to create a responsive space in his classroom with high and low spaces for kids to use. \$1570.00 total. Approved for \$1000
- Second best fund from second grade teachers. \$200 for Jingo games for classrooms-approved
- Equity in education group looking for diversity in reading material for students (guided reading and read aloud books/classroom libraries). Song lake books is a company that has a diversity collection. \$800 per set of books per grade level.
- \$25 gift card received for labels in education. Jen Harness having Gaga ball pits made for playground. Balls ordered for these pits with the money.
- \$10 target gift card from school toolbox referral. School toolboxes will be offered at Steger next year. The students are helping with the marketing/selling of the toolboxes
- New principal search. Monday 12/12 Dr. Simpson will speak to faculty and staff to see what they are looking for. 1/10 two kids per grade will come in and talk and say what they would like in a principal. 1/12 community/parents will come in and give input on what they want (before PTO meeting). Will be periodic interviews of candidates in January/February. Performance interviews second week of Feb. Candidate will be ideally be hired and approved by BOE at end of February. March coffee could be with new principal.

Teacher Report-Clint Woodfin

- The staff had a good day of professional development on election day. Did ed camp style at HS. January 3rd Bristol and Hudson teachers will collaborate for the professional development day.

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- During staff meetings they are discussing The Space, a guide for education and how to create responsive spaces in classrooms.
- Challenge started today school wide to get less than 15 office referrals in December. Will do whole school celebration if they meet goal.

President's report-Becky Hauser, Deborah Nobis

- Zen city given a budget of \$2500 for program for entire school including teachers and parents. They will teach by grade. K-2 will be one program focused on mindfulness. 3-5 will be on emotional intelligence. We need to figure out how to involve parents. Should parents attend when kids are learning? Zen city presenting at 1/12 PTO meeting, all teachers will be encouraged to attend. This would be a pilot and then if successful, we would apply for a grant by April.
- Chrome books line item to spend is \$13,000.
- Art room renovations will be around \$7,000 total. Kiln cost around \$3,000.
- Guided books initiative to diversify guided reading books. Need teacher to tell us what they need to figure out where to spend. Could assemble kits for teachers to check out (around \$100 per kit, need 6). Should we do an audit of the books we already have? All grade levels could use new guided reading books. Books come in verticals (levels A-Z for all grades), costs \$7000 for one vertical, \$20,000 to do whole set. Could we set aside money and build up to buy in the future? When we order new content in the future, we need to make sure books are diverse. Need to do audit and budget for next school year. Teachers can also ask through best requests if they have an immediate need.
- Holiday gifts for support staff-money collected from school community. Note went home, currently collecting.
- Holiday parties, room parents are working on the morning party on 12/20

Treasurer-Denice Cusumano

- Bank balance is \$36,623. Expected income is \$80,500 with trivia night, playground reimbursement, other. Should have around a \$54,000 balance after all income/expense.
- \$23,100 is what we want to spend for above expenses (Zen City, Chrome books, Art room renovation, 6 diversity kits). Will still have money left over after these expenses for needs/wants. Board approves these expenses.

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- Best funds \$1500 from Helming-Approved for \$1000 and \$300 for second grade games-approved.
- Doing another Bristol parent survey was discussed earlier in the year. Elyssa Sullivan will help with this.
- WGSD foundation rewards grant every year to PTOs for up to \$1000. Need to decide what we need this year to apply for. Could possibly apply for equality/diversity kits/games. Stephanie/Becky/Adelaide will work to pull this together by 12/14.

1st Vice Presidents' Report-Naomi Neal, Jody Forsee

- Dining to donate night at DQ on 12/15 from 3-8. Panera night will be 1/10
- Boxtops are done for the fall. They are totaling this week. They will start again after winter break.
- Artfest is 1/17. Dacia Stewart is in charge and already has artists signed up/projects going. She needs a co-chair to take over when she graduates Bristol.
- \$7900 sales at book fair. It was down from last year but we had less books since it was in the library. Next book fair will be at literacy night 3/14
- Gift card fundraiser is winding up for 5th graders to go to Camp Wyman
- Trivia night-new co-chair is Tonya Cromwell. Jenn Brenner will be event co-chair with Tonya. Theme to be revealed in January. 40 tables this year at new venue. Would love to have a trip for the live auction if anyone has connections.

2nd Vice President's Report-Katie Franke, Holly Kunze

- Funding innovation campaign is underway. Can do teacher tributes with this. wgsdfoundation.org to donate
- 1/14 is Party at the Pageant. Two drink tickets and food included with ticket. \$60 per person.
- Budget update-adjustments to current year 2 million positive impact.
- Riverview gardens could receive accreditation, if so, in students can remain in Webster schools until a natural break.
- Hixson-board extended contact with temporary principal until 12/6, Stacie Smith is returning from maternity leave after 12/6

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Corresponding Secretary-Leslie Hedenberg

-We need to order more letters for the marquee sign out front. Leslie will look into where to get them and cost.

Welcoming Committee-Stephanie Simpson

- Caroline Ragan planning mom's night out/welcome for new families in January at Lwelwelyns. 1/25 or 1/26
- There is a group of parents attending equity in education meetings every month. They feel there is a need to look at who is not represented/left out at school. Bristol equity parent group is being formed for like minded people to come up with ideas for inclusivity for everyone.
- Welcoming committee has funds left over from this year, possibly bringing in a speaker or introducing group at April PTO meeting

Upcoming dates

- December 20th-Winter Holiday Parties 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- December 21st-January 3rd-No school, winter break
- January 12th-General PTO meeting-7 p.m.