

PTO Meeting January 09, 2024

Present Via Google Meet: Laurie Madsen, Courtney Sroka, Rachel Turetsky, Tracy Kent, Deanna Hansen, Ariel Gilbert, Stephanie Scanlon, James Taylor-Shaw, Carrie Minkler, Kim Colleen

Last meeting f/u: Money deposited into accounts from Holiday shop at BES. Checks from the fundraiser were sent and deposited. Box Top was deposited. Fundraisers were all delivered. Bake Sale at MS/HS concert was successful

Principals Report:

Mrs. Kent: New SRO Deputy Alexandra Delessio. Formal announcement will be coming soon. She is shadowing Sergeant McGuire for this week and will formally start on Tuesday the 16th. Elementary is focusing on computer based testing simulation for ELA the following week will be math. Opportunity to experience computer based testing, see what it is like and prep for the real test. 5th graders will have a new science test this year. Assembly this week on Friday, character trait is fairness. Not graded.

Mr. Bernsley

Treasurer's Report: Request from Courtney Sroka for holiday shop. Ms Mitchell reimbursed for break out of a book night. After school enrichment and ambassadors submitted request, Deanna submitted receipts for helping hands. Helping hands is having a hard time with increased costs of food this year. Encouraging all and every group to submit to Stewart Holiday Match, due by January 31st. Application is on Stewart's website.

New requests for PTO to fund/help with: PTO to organize a day to go to BES and organize Indoor Recess carts and see if there are any needs. Ideas for PTO to see what needs there are so we can apply/put down the need for Stewarts Grant. Outdoor recess equipment is always a need at the BES level. Idea to put down community events/picnics/color run etc.

Current: Smith 5K is coming up. Any ideas on how we can participate/support this event? Color run idea was presented. This has been done previously and was enjoyed. Concern was presented that this would take away from the actual 5K event. This year only the 5K will be done. Bouncy house was a big hit last year at this event. Request made if the PTO can support this cost. Unsure if Winter Fest is happening this year-if it is not, does this want to be done at the Smith 5k Event? This Mid Winter Event was very successful last year but was a large commitment. May 18th is the Smith 5K date this year. Idea to reach out to MS/HS kids who need volunteer hours to help out at this event. PTO agreed to fund the Bounce House at little to no cost as a give back to the community.

Senior class wanted to do a lock in- unsure if there was any interest at the senior class level. Questioning if a survey could be put together to see if this is an interest and what activities/food items could be done. Will speak to Mr Bernsley to see if this is even an option.

Does the PTO want to sponsor some event at the BES level? Previously a February Dance was done. Guptils will also give tickets to roller skating-only skate rental is the only cost. This can be

offered to both BES and MS/HS. Need someone to head this up. Move A Thon has been done previously and was very successful. If this was done and money was raised could we put the money toward a group not just the PTO. Movie nights were also successful. The only cost was purchasing the movie license. Is there a way around the licensing agreement? Sharon Gardell previously did a movie night and will discuss it with her if she remembers. Courtney offered to help with roller skating info, Rachel will ask Shannon. All of these ideas require volunteers. If roller skating is done, possibly plan for break week in February. Deanna and James brought the idea of doing a coin drive and going through February 9th and using those donations to benefit the food pantry and odyssey of the mind. Classes compete to who brought in the most change for a chance to win a prize. They also presented the idea of a dance April 19th for BES. Have to be a student in the school. Idea of concessions, dance etc. Some concerns were addressed about the dance and these would need to be worked through. Lip Sync was also successful in the past. Family Bingo was also presented. Dance committee will finalize and come back to PTO with any needs.

Fun/New/Different ideas. Continuing to have difficulty getting parents to participate in meetings. Thank you to Mrs Kent for sending out the email. What more can we be doing to try and engage parents?

Senior Lock In: can PTO help sponsor it and/or help with volunteers

Next Meeting Tuesday February 13, 2024 via virtual link.