

Committee Chair PTA Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2024
9:30am, Google Meet

Becky Thorn called the meeting to order at 9:31am

Executive Board Attendees: Becky Thorn, Jon Guerrero, Eileen Siddiqi, Jackie Milligan, Amy Gunderson

General Attendees: Jill Manesh, Tracie Skindzier, Danielle Weston, Kelly Moscickis, Kristina Guerrero, Michele Cesario

Welcome

Cultural Night (1/25, 6-8pm)

- Stuffing person cut outs and passports in teacher mailboxes next week (confirm that we can access the building on 1/16)
- Sign up genius for Neuqua volunteers is filling up
- Sending out final table numbers for the event to Jose
- Confirming final numbers to teaching staff via Mrs. Bailey

Friendship Class Parties (2/14)

- This is the last party of the school year
- Tracie to send reminder to room parents to begin planning
- Sign up genius will go out in the next Newsletter

Kids Heart Challenge/Jump Rope for Heart merge with Watch DOGS (2/09)

- Confirming time slots with Mr. Cooper for each grade throughout the day, will know early next week
- Additional parent volunteers might be needed to pass out prizes to the students for fundraising (Jon to connect with Becky and Amy for help doing this)

Glow Party (2/23, 6-9pm)

- Need to confirm if there is a small admission price for students
- DJ is confirmed for this event
- Will send out sign up genius for decorating committee and tear down after the event
- Not planning on doing concessions during this event (consider selling water)
- Suzanne wants to access storage to see what decorations are available to use
- We will do raffles (\$1 tickets) for simple things that students can win (Principal for a day, Librarian for a day, lunch room DJ for a day, in-school movie day, etc.)

Parent Teacher Conferences (2/29)

- Get sign up genius for snacks for this

Junior Achievement (3/8 , 9:30-10:30 am (K-2), 2-3pm (3-5)

- Michele to reach out to the program manager to get the bags
- Get a sign up genius ready about 1 month before for parent volunteers – minimum of 2 parents per classroom
- Consider google meet training for parents ahead of time or sharing an outline/self-guided checklist of the steps/process with the parents
- Verify sign-in process and meeting location with Mrs. Stone/Mrs. Witkowski
- Consider picking a single lesson to teach since there is only one hour

STEM Fair (4/10, 6:30-7:30pm)

- Will update as it gets closer

Teacher Appreciation Week (5/6-5/10)

- Going to do a floral theme, Jessica Black is helping with décor
- Falcon Family picnic is 5/7, so need to confirm dates for teacher events so there isn't a conflict
- Overall, keep the same schedule as last year with snack/breakfast/lunch days

Field Day (5/17)

Fifth Grade Farewell (5/28)

- Post-covid there was a trolley ride and a picnic, pre-covid they would take a field trip
- Bringing back the field trip aspect this year
- Ultimate Ninjas will open for a few hours for the kids, parents can come and be chaperones, charging a field trip fee for the 5th graders of \$15 per kids, school will cover the bussing fees
- Have \$800 budget left from PTA
- Crone shirt and Crone drawstring bags are \$990 for the student gifts (\$110 over budget)
- Received additional donations from lunch picnic, so we are now only \$10 short of the budget overage
- Optional graduation signs are \$22 per person, consider doing a fundraiser for signs to raise additional money for the overage
- Last day of school there will be a 5th grade picnic outside – hoping to get Domino's pizza for free for the students, if not, would need \$100 extra to cover pizzas

Community Service

- FMSC (3/16, 2-3:45pm) – can start posting this in Newsletter and on Facebook

Watch DOGS

Reflections

- Vipuj is helping with this – had 5 entries this year and no one progressed to the next round
- Going to recognize the participating students on the morning announcements and they'll get a free ice cream coupon, consider doing Facebook post too

Spiritwear

- Consider more "Graham" focused graphics (less "Falcon")
- Consider other color options for "spring" – neon and tie-dye
- Set-up and get info out to parents via Newsletter, standalone e-mail and Facebook post
- Open the store by end of January, ordering window will be open until 2/9 and orders will come in early March

Art Awareness

- Looking for a co-chair for next year if someone else is passionate about this program
- Jill Manesh will take this on with Heather to continue the program

Buddy 2 Buddy

- On hold with district

Restaurant Nights

- Hafsa has been working on the second half of the year
- Panera denied request due to tax info
- Working on Billy Bricks as another option – still TBD, Danielle working with contact here
- Working on Lou Malnati's for January
- Chuck E. Cheese – February 16th
- Noodles in Plainfield – March
- Sky Zone – April (tentative)
- Yogurt Beach – May
- Earned \$76 from Chop'd (15% earnings)
- Consider testing out paper flyers again to see if fundraising increases
- Can send flyer to print center to print for you, collect the prints from the PTA cabinet and stuff the mailboxes
- Can print the flyers at your house and use the copier in the office to copy and then stuff mailboxes
- Other PTAs don't do monthly restaurant nights, consider changing our frequency to boost participation

School Supply Kits

- Need a new lead for this program after Kelly leaves
- EPI is signed on for next year – prices are the most affordable
- Mrs. Stone is looking into supply lists/needs
- Consider raffling off a free school supply kit for one student next year for Glow Party

Butter Braid

- Jessica Black taking over this program for next year

Snack Drive

- Happening in January, huge need across schools in our district
- The Amazon list has been very helpful for parents to order and send items directly to Kelly
- Kelly to confirm supplies to keep at Graham with office staff

Questions?

Closing

- Next General Meeting- 02/08/24 @ 9:30am on Google Meet

Meeting adjourned at 10:19am