

PTO Board Meeting

11/18/16

Call to Order -9:37am

Principal's Report

- Skip this report because Mr. Coch is not in today

President's Report-Janna Wolff

- We have been busy so far this year.
- Back to School picnic was a huge success. We made \$300. Any comments please let us know.
- Thank you to Melissa Ahn and Sonal for doing a great job with the Pumpkin Contest. There were some great pumpkins this year.
- Veterans Day-1 week ago from today. It was a huge success. A lot of veterans came in to have breakfast. The program was opened by the Boy Scout troop for the Color Guard. The music department did a great job with the classes singing and the choir. Mark Lokay did a great job presenting.

Treasurer's Report-Mike Bush

- We are doing great financially. The accountant has prepared the taxes. We are on time and on target. We have asked for an extension.
- We are moving away from paper receipts. We are working towards an online form for reimbursements. This will make things easier. In the meantime, reach out to Janna or Mike if you have any questions. The receipts need to be legible and complete. They cannot just be emails.
- Beth Arnz-cash or checks to deposit- you need to itemize it and put it in Beth's folder. Please let Beth know that you are putting it in her folder so she can get to it right away.
- We are planning a large scale budget meeting. The outgoing board and the incoming board will meet together. We are looking for community input to give us ideas for where we should give the money to the school. We have outfitted all of the classrooms with the overhead projectors. There have been big financial projects that we have completed. We are looking for input to see where we should put this money. How should we direct our funds? Please let us know your suggestions. Think about it now. We will be meeting in Feb/Mar time frame.

1st Vice President's Report-Dana Rosensweig

- Wrap of the Boosterthon Fun Run—Great event and a very successful
- Goal: \$45,000 and we came in at \$43,400. This is after Boosterthons cut, t-shirts and credit card fees. We had an 81% participation rate. Compared to 50% participation for the arm chair fundraiser. We raised about \$32,000 last year. We have collected 99.8% of the pledges. The collections are now closed for the fun run.
- You can still donate directly to the school now. You can send a check to the PTO and it will go directly to the PTO. We have received about \$500 from families who donated after the fun run.

The kids were really involved and very excited about this program. The boosterthon employees were fabulous and they really do a lot and were here every day for 2 weeks. Even with it being indoors it was a wonderful event. They all had so much fun.

- Question: Are you taking into consideration doing it again next year-it might not be as successful. Last time (a few years ago) when we did the Boosterthon two years in a row the 2nd year was not as successful. The first day of the 2nd Boosterthon was the same day as the Government Shutdown so we had several families who had parents not working. If you have concerns, thoughts or ideas—please let us know. We are open to suggestions to see what will work for our fundraising. Navy is a school that a lot of the companies want to come to because we have such huge participation numbers. Parents are more inclined to give money than time. That is a big factor in why we decide to do the fundraisers that we decide to do. The parents also want their kids involved. Plus, with the boosterthon the kids reach out to grandparents and other family members.
- Spring-We will be doing the Silent Auction again. Kick off on March 1st. It will conclude on March 14th at the Dogfish Dining Night. Be on the look-out and let Dana know if you want to be on the committee.

2nd Vice President's Report—Catherine Martin

- Movie Night- we are still hoping for a chair for this event. Please let us know if you can help out with this
- We are going to break down the movie night this year—Grades K-2 1 movie and Grades 3-4 will have another movie. The date has not been decided yet.
- Grades 5-6 will have a dance this year. Hagan Donaldson will head that. It will be Friday, April 21st. The movies were not appealing to the 5th and 6th graders. The dance will be a fun event for the kids. For the dance-there will be permission slips, Hagan will come up with a plan—she is seeing how Fox Mill does their dance and will go from there.

Committee Reports

- Before and After School Activities-Uzma Geloo—everything has been going really well with the fall events. Classes in the Winter- ½ will be the same and ½ will be new.
Bringing Back: Yoga, Hip Hop, Cheer, Karate, Chess and Engineering (those 2 were offered in the morning)-they were very popular
Adding: Basketball in the mornings, Sports and Games in the afternoon—require sharing the gym with SACC (they have priority on the gym). So we can only do 1 day a week in the gym. SACC has been wonderful to let us use the gym. Chris, who is the head of the Sports and Games, will have 16 kids in the winter. Also, adding Robotics, Pottery-Jimmy Potter (4 projects-with a theme, Monday afternoons), Girls STEAM –Girls focused activities-Coding, Fashion Design, Glow Light Dance Party
Main goal is fun activities that are diverse. We can't go over the money that is raised with these activities right now because we don't have a firm amount. Uzma will be asking for feedback from the parents who participated in the fall activities.

There was one issue in the fall activities-Check in/Check out-The office has been very firm about the attendance. The kids are supposed to go after the announcement. Some children have been accidentally going home. Uzma helps with the attendance for the classes that are run by 1 teacher. She has to find out why kids are absent from the class. Uzma has had to locate them. She is getting the kids from the bus, day care and SACC. We need a better plan for the attendance. Parent volunteers are going to be asked to do attendance for the class—they will be reimbursed for the class payment.

Registration for Winter Activities will be in the next 2 weeks.

- Sweet Shoppe-Thursdays, December 8th- The shoppe is for the teachers. They fill a box with cookies. It will run from 10:30am-1:30pm. There will be sign up genius for bakers and helpers.
- Odyssey of the Mind-One of our clubs headed Corey Jerome- there will be fewer teams because we don't have enough coaches. Some teams are set from previous years. Reach out to the PTO if you know anybody who would be willing to be a coach.
- Eco Schools—Viki Mutarelli—The Fall Flea Market was rescheduled for April. Although we had a good amount of people that signed up as merchants we were weary of getting people to attend the event with the time constraints. We are planning on adding in additional activities to the Spring event to bring people in to shop and engage in Eco Awareness events. The date is set for April 28th which will culminate our school wide Earth Week Celebration. Any suggestions for success are desired!

Through the Eco Club we are continuing to problem solve waste and consumption issues at Navy as well as continue to investigate school yard problems that the students have observed. We are in the process of meeting with Urban Conservation Specialists and Engineers with the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District to devise some options for the club to decide upon for improvements to our Main Garden and playground area. We will then be looking at securing funds for the proposed project.

The Pollinator Garden got a small extension added to it to continue to build out that space. The Courtyard space is a work in progress but we have gotten the addition of a shed for Eco Schools use as well as the Kindergarteners harvested their pumpkin patch this month. Eco Club harvested and ate the lettuce and herbs that they grew in the Courtyard as well.

Eco Schools plans for this year include finishing up the Courtyard in collaboration with a former Navy student, working towards his Eagle Scout award, will build a chalkboard and other additional improvements to the space.

We also have a few additional ideas that we are working on to continue improving the Pollinator Garden area.

TREX recycling and challenge is back underway! We will submit a monthly report to TREX in hope of being the top collection site for our region. We will be sending home a flyer and magnet reminding families to bring in the approved recycled plastic for the challenge. Our Eco Clubs then weigh and report our results. Last year we placed 3rd in our region.

We are looking to conduct an Energy Challenge this year in hopes that we can then be awarded a Silver or Gold award with National Wildlife Federations Eco Schools USA.

- Original Works—work in conjunction with the art teachers. Drawing in art class and then we can order it on mugs, pillow cases, etc. We give a large portion of the money raised to the art teachers. Will be Feb/March. This year will be online ordering which will make it easier.
- Dining for Dollars-Tuesday, March 14th at Dogfish Head
We are looking to having an event in December. It will be in email blast

New Business

- STEAM Fair—March 20th—set up on Sunday. The A added to the STEM Fair stands for an Art portion—architecture. There are 2 parts to the Fair--Students projects and there will be presentations. January 3rd-Feb 7 will be open registration. They need volunteers for the Science Fair. Reach out to Patricia and Melissa

Announcements

- Someone asked--Do we still use our twitter account? Can we start posting to twitter more? We will get back to this topic.

Old Business

- None

Adjournment-10:25 am

Happy Thanksgiving!!