

## **Roll call:**

Alissa Ashley-High, co-President

Greer Croxford, co-President

Shannon Wall, vice-President

Ben Cooper, Treasurer absent

Emily Iannello, Secretary

[Bryan Mabie](#), Principal

Teacher representative, Amy Porter

Parent Ashley Cameron

### **1. Meeting minutes – approval from December**

### **2. Treasurer Report - Ben**

The PTO currently has:

\$42,328 in operating funds (Business Solutions + Regular Savings)

\$42,188 in Financial Goals funds

\$1,540 in Gift of Knowledge funds.

Total net financial position is \$85,370.

There were some questions about enrichment classes vs. enrichment programs in the budget that we will need to circle back with Ben on, as well as understanding some of the line items.

### **3. Upcoming events:**

- a. Square 1 Art – After this initiative over the holidays, we are expecting a check for \$1,358.31
- b. Family Dinner Nights – We have a few of these coming up, arranged by parent volunteer Becca Snowden. Mooyah is on Jan 25, Panera in White City will be from 4-8 on Feb 15, and Chipotle will be on March 4. Panera and Chipotle are still having details finalized. We will be getting flyers. Rebecca Hallanin also looking at Rocco's Doughnuts for a fundraiser.
- c. Kids Night Out – This event is tentative for Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, and it will be only for Spring Street students. The Migrant Alliance group at the high school will facilitate. Looking to have activities such as face paint, movies, games, etc. It will be a budget neutral event for us with us paying for things up front, and will go on our liability insurance. We will have 3-5 adult volunteers plus the high schoolers. The money will go to migrant alliance. Participation will be capped at 100.
- d. Additional Fundraisers/Program - Beal financial planning idea. This is a presentation on saving for college. We would like to check in with the families of Beal to see how this goes to determine if we should we have a similar presentation for Spring Street families.
- e. Date for the Fun Fair & Auction Solicitation - Greer and Shannon- The date proposed in 5/18, a Saturday. Alissa suggested having Teamworks and Shrewsbury Club help run games. Greer will check with Emily A. about what games we had last year. A new PE teacher is coming in and would

probably help with this. Greer and Shannon will be in charge of the auction. There are several things learned last year that we will take into this year, for example, the teacher's and principal's experiences are very popular. We need to start soliciting and getting help with these items now. There is a form letter available to give to parents who have specific businesses they would like to solicit. We will need to include this in the coming newsletters. There was a suggestion for having a social event for parent volunteers who would like to help stuff the tennis tubes, stuffing and wrapping, maybe do a social event to get these done. We would also like to get the fire truck again, maybe some kind of police event. Ashley will ask about that and will follow up with Officer Sean Vallier.

#### **4. Volunteers-**

- a. Enrichment program: Spring programs are now being organized. Madscience is in place for Thursdays. New England Botanical gardens would like to do a Tuesday or Wednesday program. Teamworks is also interested in running a spring program. There was discussion on having this done 2 afternoons a week, but having an inside space is difficult to plan for. There was also discussion for the Hanover which could do something for the fall. We need to finalize what days of the week, and decide on a program (we'd potentially like something with the arts like dance or drama).
- b. Directory - Ashley has been working on this, and at this time it is best to just work out details for the 24/25 school year. We could piggy back off of the teachers' directory. We could perhaps create a google form that can help us create a spreadsheet. We could also send out a paper copy in Monday folders for those families that don't see the electronic form, and send out a QR code for those that still want to do something electronically. We were also reminded that we can send final copies to the high school to be printed to help save on that expense
- c. Gift Of Knowledge: Winter and Spring - Cheryl Bortnik is doing this, and we have had many sign ups come through on GiveButter.
- d. Monday Folders – Fliers, it would be best to line up a parent volunteer to come in on Fridays to do these. We could possibly streamline by doing one flyer with all of the QR codes going out for that week.

#### **5. Additional Items**

- a. Full Meeting Schedule: 3/12, 5/14\* *need to change date due to conflict*
- b. Open positions for board: Shannon will move up to co-president. Alissa and Shannon have discussed asking people personally and have 4 positions open, co-secretaries and co-vice presidents. Treasurer may be

more difficult to do this way but could be explored. We will work on something to get out in the newsletter.

- c. T-shirts- Mr. Mabie reported that the teachers were waiting for samples to see what the sizes are, then will place the order.
- d. The campaign for spirit wear went really well with the flyer that went out; it was much higher than previous years.
- e. Teacher appreciation week—Emily A. with hospitality committee will lead that.

**Adjourn**