

## Garfield Elementary PTA Board Meeting

December 11, 2023

### Meeting Minutes

**Meeting started 6:32 PM**

**Attendees:**

- Marianne McIntosh – Vice President
- Karen Deckard - President
- Tiffany Kulseth – staff representative
- Megan Christopher – Bookkeeper
- Brendon Chertok – Principal
- Gina McCune - Treasurer
- Terra Sullivan - Secretary

**Approval of Minutes** – No corrections or objections – approved

**School Updates** – Tiffany Kulseth and Brendon Chertok

Garfield Community Dinner tomorrow night - a few paras will be present to help (5-6 staff – maybe a couple more). Science Center visit was really well received, assembly went well. Saw photos, was engaging and successful event for students. Tiffany “was one of the coolest things I’ve ever seen come to Garfield”. Students were very well behaved and engaged. Looking really good for event tomorrow. More than 160 families will be there to eat, probably will have a bit higher turnout. Will have plenty of help for craft

Updated proposal for playground equipment – would like to re-form a group of interested people to narrow down options. Proposal \$20-\$25K over budget, so going back to vendor to look for options within our budget.

School efficiency committee – Brendon summarized the approach and some scenarios from the ongoing school efficiency committee work. General discussion of scenarios, feedback provided to board member Seidel, information from parent advocacy group. Would be good to share with families that they must sign up to comment at board meeting. Would like to have school board members come to Garfield, they could speak directly to families at one of our upcoming community meetings. Would also be good to have board members in the building during the school day.

**Winter Giving** – Marianne

Pick up at Garfield on Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup>, 8 - 9 AM & 2:30 – 3:30 PM. 63 families to pick up (124 children) – down from 150-ish in past years when we supported students at other schools.

- Thurs AM, 8-9 AM – Terra
- Thurs PM, 2:30 – 3:30 PM – Gina & Megan
- Friday AM, 8-9 AM – Marianne

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Karen & Megan could help on Monday afternoon if needed.

**Coffee Fundraiser – Megan**

Will be delivered tomorrow, check is ready. Our cost is \$10 per bag. Retail in store is \$16-\$17. Our price - fundraiser - \$20. Terra will make a sign. Will be available for sale tomorrow night.

**Garfield Community Dinner, PTA Craft night.** Plan to arrive at school at 4:30-5:00 PM tomorrow. Should we plan to get out the craft supplies from previous years? Let's do this – could be helpful given number of families that are expected. Wrapping – we have lots of gift bags, tissue, there is wrapping paper. Ask Marianne to grab tape at Costco?

**Financials – Megan.**

Up to date in google docs, reviewed as a group. November transactions, Scholastic book fair has not cleared account yet. Megan will make one transfer from CheddarUp for Winter Giving. Financial approved.

**Movie Night for January or February or both?**

January 26 – Karen will check to see if there are any facilities conflicts for that night.

**Thank you Megan for bringing in Science on Wheels event.**

**PTA Consortium group – Terra.** Assembly in spring, district land acknowledgement. PTA can help greet guests (representatives from local tribes) and coordinate a gift from Garfield to acknowledge the guests. Equity practices shared from other schools – used clothing sale (Lincoln), all new students are given a school tshirt (LP Brown). School shirt idea would be nice to have at Garfield – lets discuss more in the spring (fund raise or get donated shirts?), provide all students with a shirt in fall 2024?

**Meeting adjourned**