

DRAFT

Garfield Elementary PTA Community Meeting

January 18, 2024

Meeting Minutes

Meeting started 6:34 PM

Attendees:

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

Review of Financials & Minutes

Circulated minutes and financials through December

School Updates

Wrapping up MAP Testing this week

Cispus coming up – March, want to be sure we are prepared for weather (earlier than in past years)

Lost and Found – will donate soon, please look through items in hallway.

Data Team meetings – grade level teams, this month looking at attendance

Lion Dance Troop – will do an assembly in February. Confirmed with Lee Family, still discussing cost and schedule. Brendon Chertok will reach out if there is a cost that PTA can help with.

Book Study – Cultural Education, Dr. Stembridge. Group of 9 staff doing a 3 day residency

Playground meeting in a week or two – working on additional ideas that fit our budget and provide options for kids to give feedback

School Spirit Day – January 31. Dress as your favorite book character.

Potential children’s musician for an assembly – follow up with Mr. Chertok. Also possible with local Marimba band

Fundraising

Coffee sale – ordering ongoing, sales a bit slow so far. Follow up communication so folks know that they can still order?

Spring fundraiser: Boosterthon, Raise Craze, other? Boosterthon is ready made, last year was successful, less work required and comes with everything you need. Options that take a lower % of proceeds – Boosterthon lower % options, Raise Craze, etc. Other ideas – community ask with celebration etc. (just ask for donations directly). Could tie in the community meal to this (May 5). Set up so that link could be shared with family/social media/etc.

Community Meal – Olive Garden will donate breadsticks, pasta, salad for up to 100 people. We would purchase for head count beyond 100 people. Could we do the community meal as a kickoff? Incentive for kids – slime event was a big hit last year. Have a suggested donation Local area business fundraising: BN, Panera, Mod Pizza – PTA member will help set these up. Any additional suggestions? Brotherhood Tavern, Headless Mumby? No objections to happy hour/bar/alcohol options. Chipotle – has been inconsistent (you have to specify you are there for fundraiser and

Touch a Truck & Community Meal

Other Fundraiser/Event options: Mr White will do an Art & Sip/Snack event. Bingo – PTA has all the supplies needed to do a BINGO night.

Action items – need to solidify plan for spring fundraiser. **Touch a Truck – April 28. Meal that same day – lunch. 11 AM – 2 PM.** This could be either the beginning or end of spring fundraiser. Need to figure out: how much food needed, cost,

Also do a **paint and sip/snack event in May with Mr. White.** Evening? Desserts?

If these fundraisers don't bring in as much money as anticipated for next year, be ready to get going quickly in the fall with fundraising. Supervision or alternate option for younger kids.

Theater dedicated funds – look into Olympia Family Theater, less expensive option. Make the play every other year? OFT – 6 weeks but only 2 days a week. Apple Tree – would work with us on budget, could do a version with fewer hours/less \$ if needed. Plan for next year? Include in fundraising (but not dedicated funds). Have done a music performance in the past but not since COVID – will probably do this in the future (new music teacher this year).

Roll over \$ for another year, maybe work on another theater event next year. If another performance

Planning to do another drumming performance this year (Jevon)

Popcorn and Track Stars – more volunteers needed

Advertise and provide electronic sign up. Track stars – Friday only right now, would like to add another day (kids are requesting this). Afternoon is more popular. Can we connect with high school (running start) students?

– *Volunteers Needed*

7:27 PM Upcoming events

Megan Christopher, Gina McCune

Marianne McIntosh

Movie Night – **January 26** *Volunteers Needed*

Leo 1:42 – Jeremy and Mr Finney can do projector

Trolls 3 movie (maybe do this for next Movie night)

Facility use fee

Cleanup – make an announcement before/after movie to ask folks to clean up.

Posterboard with expectations.

Flyers out

Board meetings – **February 5** & **March 4**

Next Community Meeting – **March 7**

Meeting adjourned – 7:43 PM