

PTA General Meeting
April 14, 2014

Attendance

Brooke LaFave
Kylie Phillips
Amy McMahan
Nicole Allen
Jane Al-Tamimi
Nikki Spaulding
Kristen Westlund
Kim Cader
Regina Reeves

Call to Order

Kim Cader called the meeting to order at 6:35.

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Minutes

Brooke LaFave motioned to approve minutes from March 10, 2014. Regina Reeves seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Principals Report

None.

Treasurer's Report

Nikki handed out and reviewed the financials for March (see attached). The potential OJP reimbursement was brought up but action was delayed until the May meeting when the OJP bill would be ready.

Teacher's Report

Nicole announced that May 2nd was Katy Beattie's last day before maternity leave.

OLD BUSINESS

Book Fair

Brooke reported that Book Fair was very successful following a 3-day format and suggested the PTA consider it for all future book fairs as well. Skipping sales at morning recess and using that time for the redemption of gift certificates only was also helpful. Brooke added that Brie was very accommodating for the book fair but that should another space become available next year, the PTA should consider moving the book fair out of the library. Brooke added that the bagel and coffee event was not well attended but only cost \$32 and earned the PTA credits with Scholastic and provided a nice treat for the teachers.

Entryway Bricks

Kylie announced that the paver sales were continuing to come in and that the PTA had sold 29 4x8 pavers, 3 12x12 pavers, and 2 12x12 business pavers. She also reported that she was going to

approach all the sub-contractors on the remodel about purchasing a paver. She asked for help from members of the Board and PTA approaching other businesses in the area to see if they were interested in purchasing a paver. Nikki said that she was surprised at how few pavers had been sold. Kylie then said that she received some suggestions on how to promote sales going forward. These ideas included getting samples from the etcher and purchasing a banner as well as approaching Thurston Talk and The Olympian to see if they would help promote sales. She said that she contacted Shane at Reflections Custom Etching and he had said that he had some 4x8 samples that he could loan to the PTA. She added that he didn't have any 12x12 samples. Kylie then suggested the PTA purchase a paver as a gift to the school. The Board agreed and Kylie said that she would put together a draft and forwarded to the Board to review. She also said that she could look into purchasing a banner. It was suggested that she look into the cost of purchasing a banner and bring a proposal back to the Board. Brooke also suggested that Kylie speak to Bob about putting a promotion for the pavers on the Garfield reader board. Kylie then also asked the Board to consider "trading" the 3 individual bricks purchased by Christine Gendlek for 1 12x12 brick for an additional \$25.00. The Board decided that since Christine had been a great friend to the PTA for a number of years, they would charge nothing for the trade. Finally, Kylie showed the group the sample of the gift certificate she had created for pavers.

Read-A-Thon

Nikki said that the read-a-thon was under way and the next big step would be counting money and minutes at the end of the event on Wednesday April 23rd. Kylie then asked for a list of donors so that the PTA could write thank you cards for their generosity. Nikki said that they needed to thank Baskin and Robbins on the Westside, Hands on Children's Museum, Tugboat Annie's (and Shelly Migletta), and i.talia restaurant. Kylie also said that Nikki should let her know if she needed gift certificates for free Friday popcorn and she would print them up.

Board Members for 2014-15

It was decided to delay action on the 2014-15 PTA Board slate until the May 5th meeting to allow Brooke Guthrie to be in attendance when the vote occurred.

Kylie then went over the list of committee/coordinator positions. Kristen said that she would be interested in Field Day and Regina Reeves expressed interest in Staff Appreciation. Kylie said that she would get in contact with Mai (Phone Directory), Mari (Box Tops), and Mike (Yearbook) to see if they would be interested in staying on for the 2014-15 in their existing positions.

Yearbook

Kylie announced that 11 yearbooks had been sold. Nikki then said that she had spoken to Kathy who had expressed concern that the PTA may be behind in getting the yearbook completed. Kylie and Brook both said they would try and contact Mike to find out the status of the project. Nikki said that should the PTA run into difficulties, Kathy had offered to help get it finished.

Spring Quarter Newsletter

Kylie passed around a draft of the Spring Newsletter. She asked PTA members to let her know if any stories were missing or if there were any corrections.

Movie Night

Kim said that she was looking for volunteers for Friday's movie night. Brooke and Regina volunteered.

Superintendent Lunch Attendee

Kylie said that Carol was unable to attend the Superintendent's lunch for Parent Groups. She asked if there was anyone else who would be interested in attending. Kristen volunteered to attend.

Other

Nikki said that she hadn't heard from the 5th grade teachers as to what their needs might be for Cispus. It was suggested that the PTA sponsor a camping gear drive for sleeping bags and rain gear for students and that it be mentioned in the newsletter. Nikki said she would talk with Katy and Amy and get a better idea of what they thought they needed and would suggest the gear drive to them.

NEW BUSINESS

Movie Night

Kim took the lead for May's movie and announced that it would be *Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs 2*. She said it would occur on May 16th and that she was looking for volunteers.

Field Day

Nikki announced that Field day would be June 11th. Nikki reminded the group what they had done the previous year for Field Day – 12 stations of a variety of games and activities. Nicole mentioned that the 2 kindergarten classes were combined last year and that many students didn't get a chance to participate in the activities due to the time constraint. It was decided that the PTA should try to create 14 event/activity stations and recruit 35 volunteers. The difficulty of staging the event due to construction changes in the school and inclement weather were also discussed. It was decided to continue the discussion for Field Day at the May 5th meeting.

Other

Nikki then said that a Garfield Parent about the PTA sponsoring a clothing swap event had approached her. A discussion followed about the PTA's willingness to take on such an event. Brooke suggested a coffee style get-together with a clothes swap and coffee service called "Coffee and Consigned". It was decided to discuss this further next meeting.

Kylie asked the PTA how they felt about making our June 2nd meeting a Volunteer Appreciation BBQ. She suggested that they could invite parents/teachers who had gone the extra mile volunteering for the PTA this year as a way of thanking them. She added that it would also be a good opportunity for new Board members to mingle with teachers and parents as well as a fun way to end the year. It was decided to discuss this further at the May 5th meeting.

Kylie then reminded the Board that at the beginning of the year, one of the things that they decided they wanted to do was to finish the event calendar earlier. She said that everyone should begin thinking of what they would like to do next year. She said that she would bring a blank calendar to the next meeting so the group could work on it.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32.

