

## Parent Teacher Organization ~ Padres en Acción

January 16 5-7pm

Our meeting started at 5:15pm.

In attendance

### Staff

Lindsey Walton-Principal,

David Autenrieth-Assistant Principal,

Courtney Rickard

### PTO attendance

Jaclyn Fenske

Tamara Stevens

### Officers in Attendance

Gus Wright, President

Lindsay Reynolds, Vice-President

Etta Schwartz, Treasurer

Jenny Miller, Recording Secretary

Jana Pedemonte

Kelly Meyer

Hannah Hess

Seth Lorson

Kristy Bruce

Approval of the Agenda- Agenda was approved

1. PTO: Parent Teacher Organization/Padres en Acción

A. Moderator's Comments Gus Wright 5 min

Welcome

Language accessibility: meetings and documents

B. Secretary Report Jenny Miller

Approval of the Minutes from November, 2019

C. Treasurer's Report Etta Schwartz 10 min

A. Discussion of how to use PTO's budget:

1. Etta made up with a draft request form for teachers to request funds. We discussed where people can access the form and what the process to request will look like.
2. We would like for staff to come to the PTO and have them to present to us and think about the money they have to spend.

3. Courtney would be great for us to fund field trips. We are now allotted about \$400/grade level from the Bohemian foundation, but each grade level they has to apply for that money. So we have to find other money to supplement if it isn't fully funded.

1. Perhaps we could market that for teachers to fund field trips.

2. Items still in discussion is the timeline and process to apply for PTO funds. We decided the timeline should be: 1st apply to Bohemian, 2nd then send a letter home to parents, 3rd then they would ask us to cover fieldtrip shortfalls. Maybe a fundraiser or ask for grants. We could start in Fall, 2020?

d. From Ms. Walton-Field trips have to be Standards based. But the PTO might fund items that are not already budgeted.

e. Gus-We want to know about other upcoming field trips and assemblies. Identifying needs?

**Action Item:** For staff to let us know about events we can sponsor.

f. Lindsey-RFP meetings could be every other PTO meeting or quarterly. We could give the money out 1st come 1st served.

g. Jenny-4 different funding categories: 1. For PTO/events, 2. Teacher and staff funding passions, not already funded and "beyond the typical" 3. Field trips 4. Teacher appreciation for conferences/gifts for teachers.

1. FYI 3rd week in Oct. is classified appreciation and 1st week in May is teacher appreciation

## **B. Discussion of our current budget**

1. Courtney- Our Revenue was **438.56** before Holiday night and sold and the Garden. Expenditures 519.34. (But we'd like to have a 1,000 seed)

- 285.80 from King Soopers from 10/19-12/19.

-We made **\$1,168.25** from Holiday night which goes to PTO. The cost were 514.00 for dinner + store for toppings and \$400.00 for free book give away.

2. Our past budget for the past 5 years

a. What are the financial goals of the PTO?

14/15- revenue \$\$2,160.03 but expenditure -3,260.35

15/16 +2,285.50, -1,896.37

16/17 +1,803.18 -2,876.20

17/18 +2,308 -1,468

18/19 + 4,011.18 -1,648

19/20 +5,305.90

3. **Etta:** In November's meeting Clarissa Hernandez spoke about Cyber safety and Drug abuse and awareness. It will be over 2 months. 1/30 on drug awareness and then cost \$650.00 2/27 for social media safety, internet safety and cyberbullying. **Motion carried for giving \$650.00 for Budget for drug awareness and cyber bullying workshop.**

4. How can we increase participation in the King Soopers program? **Action Item-** Ana will post about the King Soopers program

### C. Other discussion items

1. FYI There is no cost for PTO meetings. We would love to see more participation in PTO meetings.
2. Brainstorming how to spend our current budget ideas.
  - a. Should \$1,000 be earmarked for field trips?
  - b. 1,000 for seed money?
  - c. Funding for this year? How do we want to allocate? What are our goals?
  - d. Mural fund?/PTO \$2,000
  - e. Garden fund? Other Teacher passions
  - f. Earmark and announce 1,000 for next year and "magic for the classroom" (money that is not otherwise allocated) funds

### 3. We approved

- a. **\$500.00 to be spent for the "spring field trip shortfall fund"**
- b. **We will authorize up to \$1,250 to spend for Day of the child, including rented games and food.**
- c. **We approved PTO Childcare 700.00 for 4 PTO meetings remaining in the year.**

II. School Accountability Committee-Budget priorities from the district for each school in 3 areas: Professional development, staffing and Facility needs.

Professional Development- Ideas included: Social/emotional development, climate change, Trauma informed teaching, Vicarious/secondary trauma, cultural informed practices.

Staffing-Low class sizes, Specials, Extra support-Peras, esp. For Kindergarten, supplemental Sp.Ed. services

Facility needs-Gym/auditorium/cafeteria/indoor recess, walkie talkies/security, beautification, reassess parent pickup/parking/traffic flow? **Action item: Lindsey Walton** will talk about flashing RRFB Hawk for Vine Drive and possibly Irish.

Fiscal funds shortcomings worries- supplemental funds to help to anticipate federal shortfalls.

## **Old Business**

### **Future discussion items:**

-Holiday night recap-Discuss for Feb. meeting as well as Thoughts and suggestions for next year.

-"Day of the child" event in April- (Postpone discussion for future meeting)

-How do we support/maximize/increase fundraising this year?

-How can we support in other ways? Logistics? Signage?

**-For another meeting-** Brainstorming and Discussion of other fundraisers as well as fundraiser opportunities that the school receives. Discussion of staff of fundraising opportunities that they receive.

H. Mural update? **Action item: Seth will** move forward with investigating cost, size, money. David asked staff and Will is interested in being part of planning, Isaac can help with the art, Adri can do light work. Possible next actions are: Do we want a brainstorming session? Telling Irish's story? We will talk about this in the March 26th meeting.

## **New Business**

Next meeting's times and dates: Next meeting will be on Thursday, February 20th, 5:00-7:00pm

Adjournment at 7:15pm

**Ana** action item for thank you for Holiday nights

**Action item (who?)**- Make a donation letter for Day of the Child like categories and money.

### **Committees and members:**

**Events:** Hannah Hess, Kelly Meyer, Leanne Lorson, Lindsey Reynolds, Jenny Miller

**Mission/culture:** Loren Jones, Dannah Swift, Seth Lorson, Laurie Pasricha, Ali Wright

**Strategy and Goals:** Gregg Osterhout, Seth Lorson, Etta Schwirtz, Gus Wright