

## PTA Meeting Agenda

October 5, 2016

- I. Welcome Jill Burton, Kenzie Cook, Nettie Crawford, Connie Day, Vangie Day, Pam Ganske, Kira Hansen, Gladys Harwood, Janice Johnson, Jamie Parry, Kristin Prescott, Leonee O'Brien, & Mandy Thurman. Brittany Romney of JA.
- II. Reporting
  - a. Budget 2016-2017 On the budget she had the fundraiser invoices added as a separate category. We have to pay for the chocolates. We have made 2500 in fundraiser in profit.
  - b. Memberships 45 total members.
  - c. Fundraiser Great, good response for parents. Due on October 7th. When chocolate is returned, Kira would like to open it to parents for returned-they can come buy just what they want. Top seller girl has sold 14 boxes with 2 out. The top seller boy has sold 10.
  - d. Hearing Screening Finished today- enough volunteers- Thank you.
- III. Calendar
  - a. Fundraiser Wrap Up - Oct 7th-12th
    - i. Ice cream party Kira talked with Autumn and Karen about scheduling the party. We have 63 kids who have earned the ice cream party. We need to pick the date and decide how to do it. With this many kids, it was suggested to break it up into 2. Tuesday and Thursday on the 25th and 27th at 2pm was picked for the ice cream party. Any parent who can come help would be great to have the event go off smooth. Next meeting talk about the remaining chocolate. Kira will have a list for teachers of those who earned it. Pam reminded about kids with nut allergies. The ice cream purchaser will make sure ice cream is not processed with nuts-those kids will go first.
  - b. Vision Screening - Oct. 11th 8am-12pm 8-10 volunteers needed. It is not all grades and goes fast if enough show up. K, 1st-3rd, 5th, new kids, etc.
  - c. Reflections Nettie asked us to encourage kids to participate. Right now, we are waiting. She will then need help to organize parents to display the work during APPT. The deadline is on the 19th. If they turn in early, they will get a prize. She has received emails from parents so more entries should be coming. She is hoping for 60 entries. Last year we had 30 entries.

- d. **Book Fair Dates - Oct. 28th-Nov 3rd** Janice advised of change in dates. With the new pick up procedure, she is not having book fair after school. She will need help in the morning from 7:45am to 8:15am. She will have it open all day on Halloween.
    - i. **Teacher allotment of expiring scholastic dollars** Janice advised there are 934.52 is expiring. She asked if we split it between 1st year teachers or new teachers? Leonee suggested splitting it between grades and let the teacher teams decide how to use it. Kira said that would be 116 dollars per grade. They can spend it at the book fair, at the warehouse or on the scholastic catalog. Janice will let the teachers know.
  - e. **APPT dinner - November 7-10** If we order, the office will pick it up. Pam asked where the teachers might like them to purchase. Teachers did prefer sandwiches over pizza. Pam will reach out to them. Pam will get a menu of choices. The state is funding this program that costs about 18,000. It is part of the turnaround initiative. It is a good opportunity. So many parents said on survey that they don't know how to help the students. It is also to help parents reach out to each other.
- IV. **Junior Achievement** Brittany has contacted the faculty to find ideal times for giving the JA lessons. They are non-profit and coordinate volunteers to teach lessons about business and money. They provide all materials. She passed around a sign-up. There are 5 lessons for all grades. 5th grade has opted for JA in a Day this year in December or May.
- V. **Red Ribbon Week - Oct. 24th-Oct. 28th** Jana couldn't attend. She sent questions. Theme is "Say Boo to Drugs". Teachers will do the artwork with class and then volunteers will put the artwork on the doors. The school can provide the supplies and she can come cut the paper. Leonee suggested hanging the artwork on the inside of the doors. Masking tape is fine if it doesn't ruin the door. They recommended identifying the students with their pledge. There is 670 students and we are not sure how many doors. There is spirit week and pencils to hand out. There is an assembly planned that week for 4th-6th.
- VI. ~~PTA "Take Your Family to School" week - February with Super Lit. Night~~
- VII. **Principal Thurman's thoughts** Jamie asked about crossing guards. Students are getting there really fast. Mandy advised they are not released until 2:55. There are 3 bells. 2:50 is get ready to go. 2:53 is to go out. They are not released until 2:55pm. We need to make sure they are released on time to coordinate with crossing guards. Elizabeth said there is a group of 5th or 6th graders that are "play-fighting" but it doesn't appear friendly. Now the car pick up area is good, Mandy is going to other areas to head off other problems. Nettie also appreciates the change and it is very good for parent pick up.
- VIII. **Teacher Rep Ms. O'Brien** Teachers are wondering if PTA is providing a treat. We are sending a certificate for a free ice cream cone for Halloween.

## IX. Other business

FYI, parents are trying to get the crosswalk on 3200 West to move it north. Students are not using it. 7000 South is a big safety issue as well- a flashing crosswalk would be better.

Signs for bond were dropped off and anyone who wants one can take one.

Kenzie Cook asked us to discontinue the boys vs girls because the culture it can set up and problems we have in society. They asked members how we can divide it up. We can have grades compete against each other and receive game time or extra pe or extra recess.

Gladys asked us to encourage everyone to return the survey for the Family Learning Center. There is a GED class we are working with Columbia on. There is a Halloween craft. Please share the calendars and encourage more parents.

Meeting Adjourned.