

Meiklejohn General PTA Meeting January 15, 2019

Meiklejohn Elementary Library

Taken by: Cindy Scheich

- I. Call to Order at 7:01PM
- II. Approval of Agenda, First by Kennetha Julien, Seconded by Teri Braun.
- III. Approval of November's general meeting minutes. Approved by Kennetha Julien, Seconded by Carmela Buschy.
- IV. Norms: Respect others and assume positive intent
- V. Introduction of Board Members
- VI. Nomination information for open positions – Per our newsletter, facebook, flyers, we hope you've seen that our PTA is in need of volunteers for FOUR (4) separate board positions for the 2019-2020 school year. Process requires that nominations be made 30 days prior to the election in March, however nominations can be made on the floor in March. Board meetings are monthly (1-2 hours), general meetings are bi-monthly (1 hour). Questions regarding transition, resources, time commitment, etc. were addressed.
- VII. Fundraising – We are doing Run4Funds again this year with the same company. The date is April 25<sup>th</sup> – more information will be coming! Grateful in April theme again this year with teacher sweepstakes, (small) online auction, run day. Prize day will be incorporated with Field Day this year. Our school goal is going to be \$25,000 with an individual goal for each student of \$100. Assembly will be on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Will potentially have some additional small ticket items for the online auction from outside of the school from businesses in the area and MJ family-run businesses. Our 5<sup>th</sup> graders and Mrs. Allen have been tasked with creating our own design for the t-shirts this year, with more sponsors and the laps on the back again. A survey went out to the teachers to nail down what we will specifically be raising funds for. The request still keeps coming up for resources and replenishing classroom libraries, as well as continued education/development for teachers.
- VIII. Reports of Officers
  - a. Principal's Report –
    - i. Survey that went out for Parent University came back with the request for information about all aspects of mental health. Dr. Chow is a professor at DU (and has a private practice) who is extremely knowledgeable and specializes in young children/adolescents in a variety of issues and how they impact our kids.
    - ii. We received the John Irwin Award for Academic Achievement! A State of Colorado award. Our school is so proud!
  - b. President's Report –
    - i. Parent University will take place on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Focus on mental health. Dr. Chow will be our keynote speaker, and there will be breakout sessions regarding screen time, student panels, etc. Please let us know if you have any ideas.
    - ii. Kindness Club – our outreach committee for schools in our area with resource centers, which include coats, hygiene items, food, etc. Currently there is a big need for hygiene products, so we will be doing a drive for these items in February. In addition, we are looking to do a bike drive in the Spring.
  - c. Secretary's Report – Nothing to report.
  - d. Treasurer's Report – Nothing to report.
  - e. Vice President 1's Report –
    - i. Orange Theory Fitness fundraiser on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. Only 45 slots are available, so please sign up as soon as you can!
    - ii. Talent Show is January 31<sup>st</sup> – 32 acts at this point.
    - iii. Science Fair is March 8<sup>th</sup>.

- iv. Maker's Space – Every single student had the opportunity to visit between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Great feedback from the students so far!
  - f. Vice President 2's Report – Restaurant nights coming up: Chick Fil A, Waikiki Poke, Jack's, Beau Jos, Hoffbrau. Was asked that they coincide with PIE/PTA meetings. Standard timeframe is from 4pm-8pm.
- IX. Reports of Board Chairs
  - a. Advocacy – Legislative session just started last week. There are a number of bills that will be presented this year. Comprehensive sexuality, taking out the religious views. Calculating SPED students in graduation rates will be required. Federal Supplies Tax Credit is currently limited to \$200 – a bill will be presented for a State Supplies Tax Credit for those teachers that spend between \$250-\$750. Technology requirements for new school buildings. Educate students about safe haven locations. Bill being proposed for schools to be required to look into grants for mental health support and resources.
  - b. Ways and Means – Check was received for Spirit Wear in the amount of \$3800. Another push will happen for new families and a second round of orders this Spring.
  - c. Membership Report – Nothing to report.
- X. Thoughts? Open floor for any questions
  - a. GARDEN CLUB is in desperate need of a volunteer leader! Will need someone by March.
  - b. Is there a budget line item to help replenish teacher's classrooms supplies? Ask Mande/Treasurer if the Room Parent budget line item can be switched over for this purpose in next year's budget.
  - c. Time Commitment for Treasurer position? Carmela will connect potential nominees with Mande to discuss time commitment for this position.
- XI. Announcements
  - a. PTA Meetings 3/12 and 5/7 at 7pm
- XII. Adjourned at 8:02PM