



PTA MINUTES

Location: Library

Date: December 6, 2018

IN ATTENDANCE

Danielle Morgan	Meghan Evans	Mable Stainback	
Chris Germain	Christina Sobrido	Inna Porter	
Tanya Aldridge	David Morini	Jennie Switzer	
Jamie Waller	Jennifer Cornwell		

NOTES

- Meeting called to order at 6:15PM
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Danielle read over and recommended approval of November 2018 minutes; Mr. Germain seconded, all approved.
- Danielle recommended David Morini as Secretary to take over for Lauren who had to resign. Was seconded and all approved.
- Danielle recommended Sabrina Smith as Treasurer. Was seconded and all approved.
- Mr. Germain presented the following:
 - o Teaching staff will be reduced by 1 position from either 1st or 2nd grade. ECD is January 2019.
 - o Our school has lost 82 students while there is an excess at other schools which is reason for reduction.
 - o There is expected to be further reductions to staff for next school year unless enrollment increases.
 - o A new math curriculum is coming in the next 2 weeks.
 - o The new student assessment tool for Kindergarten level is well received by teachers and allows better individual analysis.
 - o There will be a STEM focus for grades 3 to 5 involving an online system and classroom kits.
 - o A Santa week was proposed for the school with the following themes: Dec 17th is Santa day, Dec 18th is reindeer, Dec 19th is elf, Dec 20th is Xmas colors, Dec 21st is Polar Express/PJ's.
 - o Mr. Canady has proposed a 'Girls on the Run' Stride program; in conjunction with YMCA for grades 3 to 5. There is a fee associated with it.
 - o Several picnic tables were purchased and a PTA funded beautification program was requested to make it into a "garden" area. Cannot use river rocks, only mulch for ground.
 - o A Spring Cleaning event was proposed to help clean up school with main focus being painting of areas. Inna suggested a TED talk to administrators on how colors can improve social aspects of students vs. plain white.
 - o The old tennis courts were removed by CCS due to safety hazard. A staff parking lot has been requested in its place.
 - o Mr. Germain would like to see benches at the grass/dirt, inner circle area for students to sit on vs. on the ground while waiting for pick up.
 - o Mr. Germain said best way for parents to bring up concerns is to email him.
 - o School is working on getting a permanent SRO.
 - o There has been a decrease in disciplinary referrals which is a good trend.
 - o Mr. Germain asked how Humphrey book was received and consensus is that it was a hit with students. Everyone agreed they would like to see the program continued. A different author will most likely be proposed. Cost is approx. \$3k and Title I money can be used.



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- It was brought up about having a group of students raise the flag as was used to be done. Teachers were actually in the midst of coordinating this with 4th graders and ECD is January 2019.
- Danielle presented the Financial report, reviewing various funds.
- Popcorn Friday: some kids had 2 bags bought vs. the planned only 1. Created some concerns since other kids only had 1 bag but wanted more. It was asked that it be clarified with all that only 1 bag be purchased.
- Popcorn Friday: need more oil and bags, Danielle will take care of.
- Popcorn chairperson will be Tanya Carmichael
- A question was asked on why PTA saves \$7k and carry's it over from one year to the next. This was voted on as being the minimum to carry over but has no basis in anything other than to give seed money to the next PTA.
- Inna: Advanced Auto agreed to a Saturday where a portion of sales goes to PTA.
- A suggestion was made to have movie tickets as part of the bingo prizes as well as advertising what prices are available at bingo in order to bring in more participants.
- A suggestion was made to auction a special parking spot for pick up; no interest.
- Accelerated Reading program was again brought up and a request was made to allocate \$2,000 from PTA funds to help pay for the program (other \$2,000 to come from school funds). This money would be needed every year to pay for subscription. Motion was seconded and approved.
- It was brought up that the Positivity Project will now be \$1500 per year vs. no cost last year; no determination on continuing.
- Several dates put forth on fundraising activities:
 - Skate Night: February 21st
 - Bingo Night: March 14th
 - Bear-a-Thon: March 28th
 - Spring Fling: May 2nd
- Book night and STEM night proposed to be on same day, sometime in April.
- It was suggested to check CCS database on your HUG volunteer status as it may have been rescinded. It was noted that a parent can be in the classroom with teacher without being a HUG.
- A new volunteer is needed to join the two other Bingo Night coordinators and help plan.
- Popcorn Friday dates are the following:
 - Dec 14th
 - Jan 18th
 - Feb 15th
 - Mar 15th
- A vote to remove color run as a fundraiser was presented, seconded, and approved.
- Some coffee/juice and donuts is planned for staff on either Dec 17th, 18th, or 19th
- The Carr family donated a microwave
- A \$30 gift card to Food Lion was given to a staff member during PTA meeting from a donating family.
- David asked Mr. Germain to send an email out to teachers (and others) about them being OM judges. Judges can be anyone.
- During Pizza Hut night, online orders do not count.
- Need a revised PTA calendar to be given to school.
- Danielle requested meeting be adjourned, it was seconded and approved.
- Meeting ended at 8PM.