

PTO Monthly Meeting
Tuesday December 12, 2023
Parent Resource Center @ 10:00

Join Zoom Meeting

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I. Welcome & Introductions

Liz C., Laura C., Laura E., Emily L., Hajiba F., Albi S., Lucy R., Anne G., Yaewon K., Laura V.

II. Principal Update

A. Playground Account Surplus - Principal Anne reports there is a surplus in the playground account. Building services never billed SHES for the sidewalk and other work done on the new 4K/5K playground, leaving a total of \$10,700 in the account. The funds should be spent by end of January/early February, and some ideas for the funds to be spent on include:

1. Purchasing new library tables/furniture
2. Purchasing a gaga pit for the 4th/5th-grade playground (approximately \$2,000) - potentially next to the drums. Principal Anne will contact the principal at Emerson to find out more about their pit.
3. Replacing the funnel hoop on the 4K/5K playground (\$900)
4. Replacing the swings on the 4K/5K playground
5. Replacing Kindergarten basketball hoop
6. Purchasing new raised bed gardens
7. Purchasing new waste-sorting bins (compost, recycling, landfill bins)

III. Teacher/Staff Updates

- A. No updates were sent from teachers
- B. Red envelopes have been received and have been greatly appreciated (Red envelopes are \$100 gift cards given to full-time staff to be used on materials)
- C. Emily L. will create January sign-up sheets for recess volunteering

IV. Upcoming Events

- A. PTO December 15th Popcorn Sale - volunteers needed (Gabriela M): Laura E., Liz

- C., Emily L., Gabriela M., Anne G.'s father, Laura V. volunteered to help
- B. Teacher Appreciation Week Gifts (Gabriela M) - Anne G. suggests a themed-week in May. Sign-up Genius to be sent to families for gift cards to be gifted to staff.
 - C. Read-a-Thon (Emily L.) - Children sign up to read (or to be read to) a certain amount at home for a two/three-week period. Assembly to follow about two weeks later. Liz will email Daniel to get more information. Families can make a pledge with their reading goals (\$7,250 was raised last year). Money raised this year may go toward the purchase of library furniture. Last year there was a spirit-week done with the Read-a-Thon. February 4-18th for reading, February 19th reading log is due, March 1 at 2:30 for the Read-a-Thon assembly. Liz, Albi, Emily L., and Laura C. will take the lead on organizing. Mystery to Me, Culver's will be contacted for donations.
 - D. Wine Pull - December 19th (Laura C. & Niki) - Laura C. reported that 49 bottles (including 5 non-alcoholic beverages) have been collected, \$175 in Venmo donations have been received, and beer has been included as well. Set up of the tree will take place on Monday, December 18th.
 - E. Learning Showcase (March 6) - open-house style in the evening
 - F. Yearbook check-in (Laura E) - Laura E. reported that Nadine received the Lifetouch link with edits. Candid photos are still being collected by staff.
 - G. Poetry Cafe on Thursday, March 21 (Liz and Gabriela) - To take place in the library. Liz will reach out to Nadine to reserve the library for the evening.
 - H. Opera for the Young - Beauty and the Beast January 16th at 1:30 (cost is \$800). \$300 from the PTO will be donated to contribute to the cost.

V. After School Classes check-in

- A. Chess Club and Chess tournament - No new updates
- B. FPS Club (4 and 5 graders, Thursday afternoon) - Going well
- C. Unicycle Club (last day Dec 13) - No accidents have been reported and all children have remained throughout the entirety of the session
- D. Korean Club (Wednesdays afternoon) - Going well
- E. i9 Sports is offering after-school programming. Principal Anne will reach out to find out if sport clinics can be an option.

VI. Possible Events

- A. Misako Rocks! - Laura E. reported that someone from [Misako Rocks!](#) reached out to Daniel to see if SHES would be interested in a workshop. The cost is \$5,000, which was deemed too expensive at this time.
- B. Principal Anne may reach out to local artist [Brooklyn Doby](#) to do a presentation for 4k/5K

VII. Past events

- A. FPS Popcorn Sales - Went well
- B. Teacher conferences/staff meals - Went well
- C. Scholastic Book Fair - \$3,000 was raised
- D. Annual Appeal - The goal was exceeded. It was suggested to state a specific item/goal be included in the fundraisers in the future

VIII. Adjourn at 11:16