

## PTO January Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2023

Called to Order 9:34 am

- I. Approval of December minutes
  - A. C. Reeves motion to approve; L. Blasingame second; motion passed
- II. Principal's Report
  - A. PTO enhancement fund purchases
    1. New poster maker
      - a) Will be used for creating instructional and event posters
      - b) Teachers and staff are excited
    2. Scholastic Storyworks software
  - B. Curriculum items must be approved before purchase, per CISD requirements
- III. Parliamentarian's report
  - A. All VP positions will be open for 2023-2024 school year
- IV. Services
  - A. School supply vendors narrowed down to EPI or Edukit (Edukit used by Deretchin)
    1. Decision needs to be made soon so team leads can start process of preparing for next year
    2. Goal is to have kits available for purchase by March
    3. Another volunteer is desired to help with process
  - B. Staff Appreciation
    1. January was soup and salad bar- big hit!
    2. Upcoming: February 10th
  - C. Yearbook
    1. Focus on selling advertisements
      - a) Deadline to purchase is 3/1
      - b) Direct specific communications to Fourth grade families
        - (1) Room moms via email
        - (2) School messenger
      - c) Will also be listed in Banner and PTO socials
    2. Increase order to 525 books to account for end of year buyers
  - D. Environmental
    1. After school playground access
      - a) Should signs with rules be posted?

- b) Access to playground and past issues being discussed by Mrs. Thompson and leadership board
        - (1) Safety is a large consideration
        - (2) Bush is the only elementary school that allows use of its playground after school
  - 2. Beautify Bush Day, March 4th (tentative)
    - a) 9-11 am
    - b) Tasks may include: weeding, spreading mulch, planting, neatening rock garden, sprucing kinder area, painting marquee (must be approved by District)
    - c) HS clubs, MoCo Master Gardeners, Girl Scouts, and Cub Scouts will be approached about participating
    - d) Parents will be invited to volunteer
  - 3. Playground Grounds and Equipment
    - a) Metal kick plates and decking will be replaced, \$20,000
    - b) District is working to improve the field area and address landscaping issues
    - c) PTO will partner with family who has stepped forward to replace the soccer goal
      - (1) Cost was higher than originally expected
- E. Teacher Grants
- 1. Orders are being placed
    - a) Total cost was about \$11,000
    - b) PTO will distribute wish lists to parents of remaining items
- F. Academic Outreach
- 1. Teachers/Teams who have not replied will be contacted
  - 2. Learning Zoo is popular again (almost unanimous)
  - 3. Possible whole school assembly with any remaining funds
- V. Fundraising
- A. Spirit Nights
- 1. Luliet, 1/26
    - a) Cookies and ice cream
  - 2. February will be El Chapparo or Woodsons, likely
- B. Bonanza
- 1. Progressing well
    - a) Past sponsors are being contacted
      - (1) New leads also welcome
    - b) Silent Auction needs a lead to complete the following tasks
      - (1) Ensure all donations come in

- (2) Create presentation of auction items
- (3) Create flyers
- (4) Ensure all table items have clipboards for bids
- (5) Create a checkout system for winner to claim items and make pick up arrangement
- (6) Request tables

C. Spirit Fridays

1. Participation increased to 21 classes
2. Including on announcements was helpful, will continue

D. Movie Night 1/27

1. Three food trucks, cotton candy lady, raffle for popcorn machine
2. Posters have been made

VI. Communications

1. Meet and Greet happening Feb 16th (tentative)
2. El Chapparo possible location

VII. New Business

A. Should PTO purchase a bobcat mascot costume?

1. Cost is approximately \$400
2. Could host contest for kids to name the Bobcat

B. Donations from Costco are being pursued

1. Copy of tax determination letter needs to be provided

VIII. Treasurer's Report

- A. Sales tax paid: \$401.00
- B. \$99,000 cash on hand

Meeting adjourned 10:36 pm