

Dr. Steidinger

Not attending: Whitney Ludlow, Whitney Brown, Erica

Go over new positions open and filled

PTA Minutes
April 11, 2019

Present

Mandy Wagstaff, Ruth Steidinger, Megan Delaney, Bethany Iannone, Jen Curtis-Maury, Sharon Putney, Kelli Joyner, Betty Fernandez, Monica Cox

Dr. S. Report

Good news: Gym Floor to be paid for by the County!

Technology needs—we are in good shape because the PTA has been generous. More devices for classrooms would be desired, for children to do research.

County is paying for each staff member's devices to be replaced. PTA purchased devices for individuals. Also SMART Board projector and other emergency needs.

Looking at needs for student devices. Angela is taking a look at needs across the board

Board Advisory Council meeting. This was the best BAC ever!

Dr. S had a call from Miss Apex, has established a scholarship program for a student from Apex to put towards a college fund. PTA can advertise this (Dr. S. cannot.)

Questions — Cap and families with children in two schools?
This was the parent's choice.

There is legislation proposing 1-17 ratio across the board

Monica: suggested more picnic tables for ad hoc outdoor classrooms. Dr. Steidinger said that may be the fifth grade gift this year.

Question: If a family currently in the school moves, do they get to stay? Dr. S believes yes, because it's just an address change but still in our base.

Jen suggested the Boosterthon t-shirt vendor. Kelli may have a vendor through spirit wear as well. Dr. S. would love someone to take it off her plate if PTA wants shop for vendor for t-shirts.

Jen: We are not doing gift baskets for the carnival; doing teacher experiences. Jen is a bit nervous about the logistics but we'll work it out.

Dr. S: she is going to meet with Casey Lanier regarding the Book Fair funds. We get less of a deal with

Bethany: May 1 Teacher protest. How do we feel? Monica: how can you support our teachers? Perhaps buy your child's teacher a t-shirt. Dr. S: anything we can do to support our teachers is appreciated. And vote for candidates who are consistent in supporting teachers.

Dr S encourages teachers to go for their National Board Certification, and is grateful to the PTA for supporting teachers to do that.

Jen suggested that we can encourage the school to wear red on Monday, April 30.

Megan: Moms Demand Action Advocacy Day— would we have the opportunity to host a Be SMART event to provide education about safe gun storage? Dr. S does not like hosting an event around guns at school. This is something that we might host at someone's home.

Dr S would like to put energy behind helping students deal with anxiety—

Meeting Agenda

New VP: Mandy McNaughton (Mandy Mac)

Openings:

Treasurer

Silent Auction

Bethany volunteers to be Secretary.

Megan to be the Volunteer Coordinator.

Rachel Mitchell is taking over the former Go-Play-Save Fundraiser. To implement Great Lakes Scripts. (?)

Carnival

Gift baskets or Experiences?

The Gift Baskets were break-even and a lot of work.

Should kids be able to exchange Game Tickets for Raffle Tickets? — Consensus: Yes.

Carnival:Update~ reached out several times to Apex art council and apex friendship art teacher for student volunteers for face painting with no luck. I have 2 quotes for face painting and just waiting to hear back how many artists are included with the quote. I'm drawing a blank on the teacher who does face painting...maybe she will be available too.

Sending flyers home next week for presale tickets ~ are we using bidpal or cheddar up for payment? Please send me the link...

We will need help in the next few weeks with moving the games from storage to an Christy's room (already cleared this with her).

Staff Appreciation: Laurie J — hoping to do a Teacher Egg Hunt. What is her budget? [negative]

Also planning for Clopening

Trailer Beautification—Mandy may call for an Interest Meeting to see who can help out with that. This would be a good opportunity for a Home Depot or Lowes grant. Bethany suggests this as a community building activity for the families of those classes. Mandy to inquire with fourth and fifth grade teachers about beautification.

Megan and Jen to meet about Volunteers and produce a new flyer.

Kelli: Spirit Wear—there are extra magnets (\$5) and t-shirts (\$10). Can we staff a table at Carnival. Kelli may not be able to be there. (Mandy will mention this)

Book Fair: Online sales still going on.

Walk to School Wednesday: Helmets are gone — have been brought to Boys and Girls clubs. The next W2SW was supposed to be May 1—that will need to change because school is closed that day.

Grandparents Breakfast went well and Rachel is going to do that next year again. Fall and Spring options are nice.

Jennifer Bryant: Box Tops is making some major changes - going more digital, I believe. I'll keep an eye out for updates and will change our program accordingly next year.

Beacon: How is it? Monica would like to do an evaluation. Mandy invites Monica to go with what she thinks works.

Overall Communication: What works and what doesn't?

SILENT AUCTION

Ticket Sales: Broke even re ticket sales.

33 Repeat guests

Only 7 of the 45 donations of cash were non-attendees — you need to be present at the event to feel the pressure.

Seems like doing it again is a good idea. Suggestion was made to host at a brewery (something more casual).

We need someone to head this event.

Suggestion that we should know what we need to raise money for, which is difficult to know. Perhaps we should hold a meeting to find out what initiatives parents want to support. Plan to hold a daytime meeting — 5/7 at 11 a.m. Mandy will host.

Use MemberHub to send an email to solicit opinions. An invitation to the meeting will not be sent to ALL—we want this board and next year's board to attend.

Kelli suggested that we ask for teacher representatives to come to PTA meetings. This has been done before, many don't want to stay for night meetings, and they are tied up during the day. But Dr Steidinger will ask again.

