

## October 2018 PTSA Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2018

1. Call to order at 6:37pm.
2. September minutes were approved (Samar Herrmann).
3. President's Report (Nina Scoffone):
  - a. Spooky Spaghetti: try to get the word out to the dads
  - b. Two open positions on PTSA:
    - i. Spelling Bee (possibly confirmed)
    - ii. Art Fair (might be changed to February)
4. Treasurer's Financial Report (Paula Hobbs):
  - a. Quite a few donations, mostly matching contributions from companies such as Microsoft and Starbucks
  - b. Yearbook: \$6500 worth has been sold through PayPal (not including the last week in September)
  - c. Various other line items were reviewed
  - d. Membership: hopefully still trickling in
  - e. Teacher Allocations: this is the largest expenditure/expense thus far since teachers have been submitting their reimbursement requests
  - f. Emergency Preparations: backpacks in classrooms have been refilled
  - g. Grades: different grades have spent on different items such as Raz Kids (Kindergarten/2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grades) and Tillicum Village field trip (4<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - h. PayPal: there's a per-transaction fee (for website transactions), and approximately \$22,000 has come through that way
5. Committee Reports:
  - a. Outreach:
    - i. ISF (Holly Stipe): fall donation campaign "All In for Kids" is well underway; Honk and Wave; August "Tools for Schools" campaign with Issaquah Food Bank; can support ISF through "Dining for Kids" program participation; truly impacts "every kid in every school"; fall donations are down, note there are only two asks per year (fall campaign and in the spring through the Spring Luncheon)
    - ii. Spirit Wear (Lesli Sager): sales closed on Friday; first delivery went out already
    - iii. Spooky Spaghetti (Lesli Sager): food drive will be incorporated ahead of time instead of just on night-of; information sent via kidmail and room parent email; decorations have been approved to go up ahead of time; want more dad involvement!
    - iv. Book Fair (Meredith Pokorny): Monday through Friday, November 5-9 with Family Night on Thursday, November 8; event is in collaboration with Scholastic; 100% of money raised goes back to teachers; Family Movie Night might be changed to something else such as milk/cookies and coloring

- b. Communications:
  - i. Directory (Nina Scoffone on behalf of Dorothy Davis): the directory rough draft is complete but information is still being updated; Friday, October 19 deadline; directories will be sent home in early November
- c. Programs:
  - i. Reflections (Danielle Kolesnikov): is happening!; information sent via kidmail, school is registered, and folder is in office; all art will be due from students on Friday, November 2 since it will be due to the district on Monday, November 19; it will need to be prepped within certain parameters beforehand; all submissions will be copied since not sure when they will be returned, possibly not until end of year yet students might want to use submissions for Cougar Ridge Art Fair; Reflections awards ceremony might be combined with our Art Fair, will meet with Mr. Terry to lock in a new Art Fair date, possibly February 7
  - ii. Chess Club (Danielle Kolesnikov): begins tomorrow in Portable 7; received 70 applications and 45 were accepted; Queen of Katwe is willing to speak to Chess Club or our school, details TBD.
  - iii. Fitness Night (Danielle Kolesnikov): Angela Watson will lead Fitness Night on Thursday, November 15 with a yoga lesson; committee to support and help her; Cub Scouts also have a meeting on campus that evening
- d. Fundraising/Membership:
  - i. PTSA Membership (Karissa Mobilia/Ewelina Hickey): we're at 80-81% right now, which is better than other schools in our district
  - ii. Fun Run (Karissa Mobilia/Marcie Lewis): will be held on Thursday, March 21, 2019; will meet with Mr. Terry to determine time of day (during school, recess, after school, etc.); after much research and consideration, we WILL use Orange Ruler for software; they have three tiers of cost/involvement to choose from, and their lowest tier will cost us a 10% fee that would be worth the time and effort to try to recreate their information, emails, family profiles that carry over each year, and so on
- e. Heritage Festival (Shamitha Sridharan): will be held on Friday, April 26, 2019 as a collective effort of families at our school; striving for equal cultural representation versus dominant culture; Chinese New Year will not be incorporated during the same even this year, which will be separate in February); can host a table without actually being from there; not just about different countries, but about different cultures; there's a food element (such as chips and salsa for Texas); kids will parade through in cultural clothing; some posters and materials from the past are still available to use

6. Principal's Report (Mr. Terry):

- a. Three new copy machines will be delivered during the week of October 18 to replace two existing ones and to add a third
- b. District-level competency group; front-loading cultural learning for staff
- c. First "Cultural Connections" meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 23: open to all; learn from each other; just *talk*; representative from the district will be part of it too and will also offer a "parent panel" for teachers since they only get what they see in their classrooms; effort to translate in other languages
- d. School construction: new projector in lunchroom
- e. School Staffing: music sub was officially hired; still working on two open para-professional positions
- f. Our school's goal this year is *reading* (it was math last year); a reading test with *each* individual student will be conducted in spring; assessed by teacher; want more intervention for reading since students with greatest need receive help, but not the students who are in between average and those with greatest need; but need adult support of teachers to help
- g. An Evening with Matt Glover: renown writer and writing teacher will present strategies to parents on Wednesday, October 17 at 6:30pm at the Administration Building
- h. Emergency: the school is much safer with the new entrance/vestibule system; *please remember to sign in and out*
- i. Vision and Hearing screening: Tuesday and Wednesday, October 23-24; *please volunteer to help!*; approximately 600 kids will come through for testing
- j. 30 Google Expeditions kits were given to grades 2-4, then grade 5 this month; their social studies lessons incorporate them
- k. District Staffing: district has added additional roles, like the counselor is now full-time stressing the importance of the "child as a whole"; also trying to build more diversity and break down barriers
- l. There was discussion to change the format of Individual Picture Day: possibly pick up supplies first, then meet teachers, then pictures, then hot dogs or ice cream/popsicle social; parents supported the idea to still incorporate Individual Picture Day during Meet the Teacher day

7. New Business:

- a. VP of Programs (Danielle Kolesnikov): approving Vivian Bae as Danielle's Co-VP
  - i. Marcie Lewis motioned to vote Vivian Bae as Danielle's Co-VP of Programs; Danielle Kolesnikov seconded; PTSA voted and approved with no abstentions.
- b. Staff Luncheons: annual budget is \$800; September's grade-specific full Staff Luncheon was for 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers and cost \$300; it was very well-appreciated by the staff; anyone is welcome to come and help; information is posted within the Bobcat Blast

8. PTSA meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.