

June 2, 2022

Meeting Minutes - Lisa Devaric, Jo Morris, Liz Forte, Christina Drostin, Sherye Nickerson, Michelle Mackall, Katie Frase, Sarah Hildebrand, Anne Miller, Erin Stephens, Kirstin Brichner, Gloria, Jessica Hall, Laura Perry

Support A Class - Jo Morris

- Re-inventing the program this year so have a lot of new businesses and a few returning
- \$5500 total income
- 52 teachers total supported
 - Specialists, ELL,
- Posters for each classroom
- Approved movement of money from SAC account to PTO account to cover general organizational expenses
- Teachers are appreciative
- Kids like seeing their family names on classroom doors
- Quicker turn around to reimburse teachers which made them happy
- Fall and January outreach to families next year
- Any monetary amount welcome but the average is \$100.00
- Annapolis group sponsored this year at \$500.00 and are willing to support again.

Fun Day - Liz

- Huge crowd 1000-1500 people which was way more than expected
- Really well run and organized
- Lead up was really well planned and great communication
- So many different families and tons of fun
- Community involvement was amazing
- Everyone willing to volunteer again
- Huge appreciation for the teachers being present
- A few baskets were won by out of town people and that was harder to get the baskets out
- PTO table needs to be the first table people see so they can check in there
- Mid-day volunteer transition needs improvement
- More community resource vendors and less stuff for sale vendors
- Maybe add a demonstration tent - pay extra money to do a presentation to the whole group (karate, fitness, instruments, etc)
- Doing it again is definitely a priority for next year

Teacher Appreciation Week - Lauren

- Raffle prizes that are smaller are better so that more win instead of grouping things together.
- Breakfast ran out too fast - consider serving the group things instead of help yourself or making a box breakfast
- Like the non-food things
- Snacks were amazing and the variety was perfect
- The excitement of winning is more important than winning anything big

Budget Update - Lauren

- Lauren share screen to show Fun Day, TAW, and fall expenses

The screenshot shows a Google Sheet with the following data:

Item	Expense	Item	Expense	Item	Expense
TAW		Remaining expenses for 21-22		Needed for start of 22-23	
TAW bags	675	5th grade tshirts	900	Accountant	500
TAW snacks	200	Bjs membership	55	Red Folders Fall 2022	1200
TAW breakfast	200	Paper for flyers	125.12	PTO Membership	900
Flower pots	83.93				
Flowers	104.97				
Dirt	16.14				
SUM	1280.04	SUM	1080.12	SUM	2600
	TOTAL		4960.16		
	In account now		5435.33		

The screenshot shows a Google Sheet with the following data:

Item	Amount	Expense	Amount
Sprinkles	100	Sprinkles	100
Squid Tent	300	Dunkin	200
MiniBuns	50	Liners	200
Spider Family Dental	50	Home items amount	200
Water	20	Browsers	200
Utensil Larder	100	Pizza	200
Worms	85		
Alban	100		
Health	100		
Pickle	50		
Michelin Lunch	100		
Buy Folders	50		
Buy Incent	100		
Shower Gels	100		
Healthy Salad	100		
Pizza	200		
Other vendors	100		
TOTAL	2000		1800

Principals Update - Lisa

- Band was awesome this year. First concert of the year in the school.
- Tomorrow Middle school band coming
- June 7th promotion ceremony for 5th grade
- June 7th last day for Pre K
- 200 students for summer school (invite only)
- Last day ice cream treat for everyone in the school
- EPD present at field day because after Texas shooting
- EES has a huge safety presence because it is a new school and is their priority

- Half of kids are 6 and younger in the building and there are 1100 kids total
- Teachers are fierce and vigilant about safety
- Communication - more advanced notice requested by many parents
- Staffing - Very well staffed for the huge number of kids with lots of support services (title 1 brings lots of extra people to support everyone)
- Celebrations -
 - PBIS monthly incentives -
 - Winter and spring chorus programs
 - Not a lot of holiday celebrations because they are not all inclusive
 - Priority of seasons celebrations because all people can feel included
 - No birthday treats in general but can coordinate with the teacher to pass things out. Teachers can not take instructional time to do birthdays but they all have class meeting time every day.
- EES has the Community School designation for next year
 - Community School Manager hired for next year to help bridge between the school and the families
 - Have this person work with the PTO to increase engagement

Board Elections - Lauren

- Katie, Anne, and Michelle want to stay on as teacher reps - unanimous YES vote
- Liz and Lauren want to stay on the board - unanimous YES vote
- Sherye needs to step down at this time so we are looking for a new parent
- By-laws - state that the board must be a minimum of 3 parents, 2 teachers and 1 administrator. Currently we are one parent short of this requirement. Everyone was asked to consider joining the board and/or recruiting another parent.

PTO Survey - Liz

- Liz has someone willing to create and analyze a survey about the PTO
- PTO needs to come up with questions to ask..
- Suggestions for questions included:
 - Ask age of kid and race
 - Ask about specific jobs
 - Event ideas
- Katie Frase shared that her PBIS survey sent out to the entire school only had 60 returned

How do we make PTO look like our school?

- ChesMRC and BAAM invited to PTO meeting
- Do a presentation at the PTO meeting to bring more people in
- Mix Zoom and In person meetings
- Text reminders
- Both Zoom and in person at the same time
- Fall event and flier at the beginning of the year
- Use ELL as a link to the families because that is a trusted bridge (acknowledge intimidation)
- Yard signs for the meetings out in front of the school
- Alternate between 4 pm and 7 pm meetings

- Have the meeting right before an event

Recycle Red Folders

- Collect all folders this year and the PTO can clean and recycle them for next year
- Lauren to send out email to staff
- Anne Miller has a way to clean off maker
- Saves money and supports our Green School Efforts

Summer Meeting - board pick a date

- Calendar for the year
- Dedicated PTO meeting dates
- Fundraisers
- Shed