

PTC meeting 3/11/19

Attendees: Jelene Susic, Matt Gorshorowski, Amy Chamberlain, Kylan Pimley, Tammy Yashar, Kristina Garcia Siegel, Dorothy Houw Furquim, Aleida Adams, Kavita Sheth, Lee Carson, Hillary Peck, Katie Payne, Janell Hosch, David Platt, Paris Bone, Sarah Anderson, Jessica Baker, Eva Novick

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 6:48pm.

PTC Events:

Science Fair – Have almost all volunteer needs covered.

5th Grade Send Off Planning – Meeting tomorrow night at Market of Choice.

Chipotle Dine-Out – We receive 1/3 of the proceeds.

Passport Club – Next Friday.

OBOB Results – Golden Readers, a third grade team, made it to the top 8 in the semi-regional battle.

Family Dance – Was successful. Any money spent above what the PTC budgeted (including the increased amount given at the Feb. PTC meeting) was donated by the planners.

5th Grade Musical – Kids were proud of themselves. There were no rehearsals outside of school.

Staff luncheons – Most volunteer sign-ups were completed in the first night it was posted. Was to help support staff who are grieving for Mrs. Duitsman. Staff were grateful for the lunches.

Board/Committee Updates:

Next PTC Meeting – the Cedar Park principal will be coming in April. Principal has bi-monthly coffees; beneficial for 5th grade parents to attend to obtain information. Passed around flyers with Cedar Park Middle School dates for incoming 6th graders.

Budget – Raised above projected income. Board will be working on budget proposal for 2019-2020. PTC needs to vote on it in May or June PTC meeting.

Volunteer Updates – Science fair is 6-7:30pm on Thursday. Ongoing need for passport club.

Budget Surplus – Jessica meeting with staff to look through ideas that came from staff and community. Once there is some input from staff, will start larger community meetings. Will be doing a lot of work in April and May.

New Parent Support – Discussion about having a grade parent volunteer for each grade next school year. Families would opt-in to providing contact information. Discussion about updating website to provide additional information to families on “new parent” page over the summer. BSD and CME websites will be updated this summer. CME staff is not available during the summer to answer questions. This summer, will not have access to the building and may not have access to the playground for kindergarten playdates. Countdown to Kindergarten newsletter is sent out by Carla.

School Supplies/Fencing – Will need to work on logistics and cost estimates for school supplies. Handout regarding objectives, purchases and key learnings for 2018-2019. This was the first school year that PTC purchased majority of school supplies. Was able to ensure quality of materials in classrooms, decrease cost for parents and teachers, and reduce waste. PTC comparison shopped, used coupons and rebates and took advantage of BSD negotiated discounts. Was under budget and ensured consistency and access for all kids. Included both classified and certified staff. Learned there was more variation in teacher preference for glue sticks, which are the most expensive purchase. Will work on more centralization of overflow materials. Parent has volunteered to clean pencil boxes. Discussion of reduction of waste through bulk purchases and purpose of disposable plastic bags. Will work to keep personalized/individual purchases per kid to under \$20 for 2019-2020.

Fence improvements will not begin until after school is out for safety reasons. Will have 2 gates, one with a wide opening and one with a narrow opening. A grant paid for the improvements.

4th Grade – Will not be doing overnight field trip anymore. This year, will do a day long off-site field trip, instead, to the Aurora Heritage Colony. Will have a second experience at school to replicate some of the activities that were done on the overnight trip. Will have parent volunteer opportunities for the pioneer day.

Staff Appreciation – May 6-10. Will repeat some events that were well-received in the past like decorating teachers’ doors, massages and gifts. Will have a coffee cart and continental breakfast on Tuesday, a snack plate on Wednesday and lunch on Friday. Discussion about needs/preferences of older and younger children re: Gotcha store and personalized notes for teachers. Theme is summertime. Will be posting volunteer opportunities.

Green Team – Submitted a facility capital improvement project request to district. Hope to hear back March or April. Sent a teacher survey in February and got 13 responses. Included teachers from all grades. Input from teachers on what involvement they would like to have, their intended uses for the garden with their classes and what features they would like to see in a garden.

Have applied for grants and looking into other grants. Will put together a list of resources for teachers. Oregon Ag in the Classroom does educational outreach, will help build curriculum and has a lending library of books and other resources, like loop magnifying glasses and incubators. Looking to community for partnerships.

PTC will consider a vote to support the garden after BSD approves the site. At this time, PTC has not committed funds. One of the grants will look at matching funds through in-kind donations, like labor. Will need to discuss ongoing payment of water bill; will need to discuss with BSD first.

School grounds cleanup is April 27. Discussion about potential clean-up items and additional volunteer interest from other groups, like Cub Scout troop. When bike lane, sidewalk and cross walk are added this summer, front area will be improved. Will need to get a rental dumpster for clean-up day.

Open PTC Positions – for 2019-2020 school year, open PTC positions include treasurer, ways and means and committees (webmaster, passport club, directory, 5th grade send-off, pancake breakfast). Will have open election process.

Open Items:

Running club – THPRD approved use of paved path. Will figure out logistics to communicate to parents and teachers. Will need a different volunteer system. Will be starting up after spring break.

Principal Update – Staff is discussing ways to honor Mrs. Duitsman’s memory. Do not yet have information about the service. Staff is appreciative of support. Teachers gave the message directly to their students. Had District team on site to help support staff and children. Camp Achieve is happening this summer but do not yet know where. Cost is funded through sliding scale tuition and grant. Waiting to hear back from BEF regarding grant. Has been a great experience to work with Columbia Teacher’s University college. All they do is reading and writing; provide tips that can be put into practice immediately in classrooms. State testing for 3rd-5th grade begins in May. Focus is on learning, not on performing for the test.

Adjourn at 8:04pm.