



August 29, 2013

PTA Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 3:50 pm

Approval of May Minutes - Michelle moves to approve, Lissie seconds, minutes are approved.

## **Presidents Report**

### **School Store Order**

We're all out of the small and medium t-shirts and all but the XS jackets. The old version is no longer available and something similar would be much more expensive. A pullover would be cheaper than a zipper hoodie. Let Lissie know if you have any ideas or requests.

### **Mountain Volunteer Team Needs**

There are 16 people on our volunteer email list. Lissie will send an email to them after the meeting. We have needs for Halloween Carnival as well as FunD Run.

## **Treasurer's Report**

The audit is done and we need to approve the proposed budget. Michelle brought copies to the meeting and gave copies to all attendees. The income numbers are based on last year. We hope to bring in a lot more for FunD Run, but we wanted to be conservative.

We do not currently have money set aside for pre-k. We're not sure if they need money from us as they seem to have quite a bit from other sources. We will research this further and make budget changes at the next meeting if necessary.

Michelle thinks we may have some extra money in the library book fund. Liz explains that the library fund is important so that students don't go for several years without checking out a book. If their parents don't pay for lost books by the end of the school year, we cover it so that they can start fresh the next year.

Lissie suggests that maybe we're being too conservative with the FunD Run numbers. She really thinks we will make more this year. Liz explains that part of the reason we were able to make so much money in the past for FunD Run was Christie Ortega, who got thousands of dollars from realtors that she associates with. Rissa says she works with Exit Realty and will ask around. Michelle will add a little more money to the FunD Run income.

Ali moves to approve the budget, the motion is seconded by Liz, the budget is approved.

## **Membership Report**

We currently have seven members. We're hoping for more! Maybe we can promote membership at FunD Run.

## **Principal's Report**

The principal's newsletter is being sent weekly and awesome. The year is off to a good start. Megan presented a thank you note and chocolates to the PTA Board for the water bottles that were provided to teachers. Second grade has an activity Wednesday. Math Lab is going well. Students and teachers really like it.

Staff is working on getting the community involved in sprucing up the school. The building is well maintained, but could use some work being made brighter and more attractive. Rock mosaics and art murals are being discussed. We may host some "Spruce Up Mountain" days.

Megan says thank you to the PTA for sponsoring field trips. Many classes have fun trips planned already.

Dr. Hague contacted Megan about using the third grade hallway for the Haunted House during carnival. The third grade teachers agreed. Megan would like to offer a mad money reward to them for their trouble. The PTA agrees that we can make that work.

## **Grant Requests**

**Picture Printer for Second Grade** - This will be used for academic purposes. We can approve the initial purchase, but need to be clear that we can't support upkeep. Megan moves to approve, Ali seconds, grant approved.

**I Know It Subscription for Third Grade** - This is a well researched and fun program that helps students learn. Megan sights some statistics in class improvement from last year to back it up. Esther moves to approve, Ali seconds, grant approved.

**Yoga Mats for Recess Yoga Club** - The club will receive \$50 like other clubs, but that is not enough to get the club started. Ms. Hawkins will use her club fund as well as grand money to purchase supplies needed. This is a mental health benefit and aligns with district goals. Some of the fifth and sixth graders have really been struggling. Lissie moves to approve, Ali seconds, grant approved.

**Sand Trays for Ms. Branden** - These would only be used by one class, but several other teachers already have them. They have lots of researched benefits for this age group. Esther moves to approve, Michelle seconds, grant approved.

**Headphones and Crayons for Eva Grant-Trujillo** - Unfortunately this grant cannot be approved because the money has already be spent. The receipts for grant requests must be dated after the approval date. Eva can spend mad money on this and then she can submit a grant for something later in the year.

## **Other Business**

### **Co-op Fundraiser and Little Studio on the Mesa Fundraiser**

Both of these companies have reached out to Lissie. They would like to have events where a percentage of the proceeds go to the PTA. We would like someone to volunteer to set up and run these fundraisers.

### **Family Breakfast and FunD Run**

Suzanne is still looking for volunteers to help with set up, bagel cutting, and cleanup. Setup can begin at 6:30. Flyers are all over the school. They will be sent home soon. Suzanne has ordered some fun things to give to students when goals are reached. They will be given to everyone, not just those who contribute.

### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

There will be a signup genius for food for conferences.

Office staff will also be delivering goodies to teachers throughout conferences.

### **Homecoming Parade**

Candice explains that the PTA usually brings the banner and flyers advertising Halloween Carnival. Candice has been registering us for the parade for the last few years. She will do that for us this year and show us how. Next year it should be the PTA's responsibility.

### **Spirit week**

Monday - Dress like a teacher day

Tuesday - Pajama Day

Wednesday - Mountain colors day

Thursday - Hat Day

Friday - Hilltopper colors day

### **Etc.**

Mad Money will be given to teachers who volunteer for Halloween Carnival. We're not sure how much, but will look at what has been done in the past and make a decision. We usually don't have too many volunteers, so we probably don't have to worry about going over budget.

Fall Book Fair is the same week as the Halloween Carnival. It will start on the 16th and will be open until the Carnival.

Esther asks if we want to continue to use First Day school supplies. We sold quite a few this year. Teachers and parents both like the kits. The supplies provided are good. We all agree that it's worth it to continue.

## **Attendance**

Liz Daly, Lissie Ham, Alina Hansell, Michelle Certik, Megan Lee, Rissa Baker, Suzanne Lynne, Chelsie Wilson, Kandice Favorite, Esther Smidt, Becky Littleton, Tatia,