



March 6, 2023

PTA Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order 12:10pm

President's Report

School Board Representative Visitor

Sondra Wyman is our new representative on the school board. She was just voted onto the school board in January. She's here to introduce herself. Her son, Drew, works at Mountain and her children attended this school when they were young.

PTA Board Election

Our election is coming up next month. We are all happy to stay in our current positions. We need to send a special newsletter to make sure nobody else is interested. We also need to create a google form ballot.

School Store Signup

School store signup will be implemented soon. We will open the school store before and after school and online.

Treasurer's Report

Michelle is almost ready to be a signer on the account. Not a lot of money has been used over the last month. The money that was used was reimbursed by Lissie.

Teachers need to use their MAD Money before the end of the year. Many teachers have not yet used it. \$250 per teacher.

Membership Report

We currently have 36 members.

Principal's Report

Parent-Teacher Conferences

This week is Parent-Teacher Conferences. There will be a teacher workday on Wednesday, and conferences on Thursday and Friday. Many teachers have chosen to schedule conferences on Wednesday and take their workday on Friday.

Board Meeting

A board meeting is coming up next week. Mountain's test scores look great in both reading and math. Teachers are working super hard.

First Grade Opera

First grade will be working with the Santa Fe Opera to create a performance. This is a tradition at Mountain that has been a lot of fun in the past.

School Garden

We need to do something with the school garden. It has been decided that raised beds will be installed, but we need to decide how and when to make it happen. Suzanne thinks we should have a family workday to install the beds so that Mountain families are more invested in this project. All members present agree. Lissie says there's grant money available for this and we could also fund raise specifically for the garden. Brian had also suggested having an educator from PEEC visit weekly, but that's expensive. Suzanne wonders if we could incorporate a hydroponic garden indoors. She has found some that come with lesson plans for each grade level. Lissie suggests a meeting specifically focused on the garden and how much money might be available to put toward that project.

Old Business

Conference Food

Lissie has created and will distribute a signup sheet for breakfast Wednesday, lunch on Thursday, and treats on Friday.

Reading Night

Reading Night will be on April 19, the same week as the Book Fair. Esther Smidt is in charge and has contacted Melissa Mackey and made some plans. She wants to use some of our Scholastic money to provide free books to the kids who attend. Lissie will let her know that Ali is the person to contact in order to use that money to order those books.

Book Fair

Ali is meeting with Scholastic next week and wants to get papers and sign up sheets out earlier than last time. Ali has asked multiple times if they can send us two cash registers. The answer is always no, but she plans to try again.

Math Night

We don't have a staff member to head Math Night, so it's not happening this year.

Art Show

Ms. Ross is working on putting one together for the late spring.

New Business -

Grant Requests

There are none this month. Suzanne is wondering if she can get money for mats to go near the doors. Lissie says the money is there but we have to reimburse and can't make the initial purchase. Suzanne will order the rugs and submit receipts.

Family School Lunch

Chelsie heard that before Covid families used to be invited to the cafeteria to eat lunch with their kids once in a while. She asks what it would take to make that happen again. Suzanne says we would have to work with Chartwells and have families order lunch ahead of time as well as working with the janitors to increase the number of tables set up on that day. Chelsie will continue to look into this possibility for next year.

Snow Day?

Olivia asks if we need to have a makeup day now that we've had one more snow day. She wants to know if the last day in March is still a day off of school. Suzanne doesn't have the answer, but she will check into it.

New School Schedule?

Olivia asks if parents get a say on how the hours or days that need to be added are added to the schedule? Lissie thinks it's a school board decision, but they have been working with a large committee of parents. Olivia is concerned that parents should get a say in this decision. She thinks the members of the the school board should poll parents for their opinion. Sondra will check into her concerns and get back to her. The vote has to happen by April.

Future Committee Leaders

Suzanne is thinking of volunteering for FunD Run next year. Olivia is willing to do concessions for Carnival next year.

Kindergarten Roundup

Is scheduled for April 12. We need to be there recruiting.

Attendees

Lissie, Ali, Michelle, Chelsie, Olivia Dong, Sonja Wyman, Suzanne Lynne

Meeting adjourned at 12:54