

Mountain PTA General Meeting Minutes

April 9th, 2018

In attendance:

Lissie Hamm, Karen Morris, Branden Willman-Kozimor, Dina Pesenson, Rebecca Cocina, Yoly Miller, Elena Perez, Matt Miller, Jennifer Guy, Chris Jordan, Kristy Ortega, Sarah O'Brien, Kim Clayton, Jennifer Montoya, Kandice Favorite, Ramey Sallaz, Cathy Snelson, Mhairi McKay-Smith, and Heather Woodward

1. Meeting called to order at 12:11 pm.
2. Lissie Hamm motioned to approve March minutes. Karen Morris seconded. None opposed.
3. New Business:

A) Brownie Presentation

- Mountain 3rd Grade Brownie troop presented a project idea to make the world better place. They want to create two hand sanitizer stations at school so students will have cleaner hands and fewer germs. The girls have raised money through cookie sales and are asking for a grant not to exceed \$300.00 to complete the project. The price includes two refills for each station. Future costs of refills will be paid from the nurse's budget.
- Kristy Ortega motioned to approve the grant. Yoly Miller seconded. None opposed.

B) Officer Elections

- Kathy Snelson conducted Officer Elections. She read aloud the duties for each office, asked for any nominations from the floor (none were made), and shared the names put forth by the nominating committee.
- Ballots were distributed to all PTA members
- Election results for each office:
 - President: Mhairi McKay-Smith with 16 votes
 - Vice President: Kristy Ortega with 16 votes
 - Treasurer: Chris Jordan 15 votes with 1 write-in vote
 - Secretary: Ramey Sallaz with 16 votes

C) Grant Requests:

1. The third grade teachers requested a grant not to exceed \$200.00 to order local history books that would remain in the classroom and supplies for living history activities.
 - Chris Jordan motioned to approve the grant. Yoly Miller seconded. None opposed
2. Mrs. Nichols is requesting a grant not to exceed \$900.00 to purchase Art journals for all students at the school.
 - Kathy Snelson-Gerlicher motioned to approve. Lissie Hamm seconded. None opposed.
 - Discussed adding this request as a permanent line item. Decided to table the motion to create a line item in order to have time to discuss with Mrs. Nichols.
3. Fourth and fifth grade teachers requested a grant not to exceed \$900.00 for planners. The planners will help all fifth and sixth graders with organization and will replace planners previously used.
 - Heather Woodward motioned to approve. Karen Morris seconded. None opposed.
4. Mrs. Nelson is requesting a grant in the amount of \$200.00. This money will be used to purchase games for her music class. All games are music related.
 - Lissie Hamm motioned to approve. Mrs. Guy seconded. None opposed.

5. Mrs. Hand is requesting a grant not to exceed \$300.00. The money will be used to purchase speakers for the smart boards used in the classroom. Currently only two sets need to be replaced but Mrs. Hand would like to purchase four sets so there are speakers in reserve.
 - Karen Morris motioned to approve. Mhairi McKay-Smith seconded. None opposed.
6. Mrs. Guy requested a grant not to exceed \$75.00. It is mandatory to have a New Mexico flag in each classroom. Mrs. Guy would like to replace old tattered flags with new flags and make sure all classrooms have flags.
 - Mhairi McKay-Smith motioned to approve. Chris Jordan seconded. None opposed.

4. Reports of Officers

- A. Treasurer's Report given by Mhairi McKay-Smith
 - Total New Income: \$4,838.00
 - Total Expenses: \$3,775.51
 - Total Balance: \$39,558.05
 - There are still outstanding General and Educational grant requests.
 - Mhairi McKay-Smith motioned to increase line item for General Grants by \$500.00. Karen Morris motioned to approve. Lissie Hamm seconded. None opposed.
- B. President's Report
 - Information covered in committee reports
- C. Membership report given by Heather Woodward
 - 1 new member for a total of 72 members.
- D. Principal's Report
 - PARCC testing window is later this year, April 24 - May 4
 - Kindergarten Round-Up was well attended and 56 incoming kindergarteners have registered. Ramey and Mhairi presented information about Mountain PTA to incoming families.
 - Update on Mr. Johnson's health and thank you to Nurse Amy Yost for her care and professionalism.

5. Reports from Committees

- A. Reading Night - Sarah O'Brien
 - Superhero themed with six different literacy activities. There will be a prize table for children who complete all stations. All children receive a free book. Frito pie will be provided for dinner.
- B. Book Fair Cathy Snelson
 - April 19 - 35, 2018
 - Need volunteers for set-up, take-down and especially during Family Reading Night. Use Sign-Up Genius to volunteer. Volunteers receive a 10% discount
- C. Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week May 7th- 11th
 - Need a volunteer to coordinate

D. 1st Day School Supplies - Ramey Sallaz

- Online store is open: 1stdayschoolsupplies.com. Order until June 30, 2018.
- Flyers will be sent out to families with information on how to order school supply kits. Kits are delivered to the the classroom and waiting for kids on the first day of school.
- PTA offers this as a service to families, it is not a fundraiser.

E. Box Tops - Lissie Hamm

- A total of \$882.60 has been collected for this school year. Still collecting from each classroom until May 4.

F. Yearbook Report - Ramey Sallaz

- Completed yearbook was submitted on April 6. Thank you to Jerry Fadner for all his graphic design work! Also, thanks to Halo Golden, Mhairi McKay-Smith, and Yoly Miller for volunteering.

6) Announcements

- NMPTA Conference is May 4th in Albuquerque.
- Next Meeting: Monday, May 7th at 12:10 in the library.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25pm