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Sunset View Elementary PTO Meeting Tuesday, March 13 3:30pm

Attendees: Alyssa Sterne, Teresa Santoy, Jenn Coe, Kadi Lamberson, Cali Thornton, Heidi Guizar, Carol Sonderland, Mari Karnesky

Welcome

Board

Old Business

- Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting (Jan/Feb) – Cali motion to approve, Kadi second it. All in favor.

Principal's Report

Heidi

- Safety updates –
 - Schools that don't have the buzz in system will be getting it per district updates. The front office will be rearranged a bit during spring break to allow for us to be ready for reconstruction of the window this summer so that we can have a "buzz in" system.
 - As a staff we have been talking about safety – making sure that we stop people who don't have a badge. Reminding students that they can't just let people in the back doors, even though it is a thoughtful thing to do – if they don't have a pass, they should come in the front door.
 - 3rd – 5th graders are taking the district safety survey to see how students are feeling as it pertains to safety.
 - The staff wants everyone to know that we are not trying to make our school "less inviting". These changes are simply because we are trying to ensure the safety of all of our students & staff.
 - While the "buzz in" system is coming, we are asking all visitors and volunteers to check into the office, regardless of the reason they are coming into the building, if it is between 8 am and 4 pm – just so that we can tighten up security and make sure we know who all is in our building.
- Playground equipment –
 - The district ended up paying for 3 buddy benches and 2 plain benches – so the money that we had set aside for the bench we can now direct the funds elsewhere (perhaps put it towards the portion of the risers were looking into doing an additional fundraiser for and then we wouldn't need to do that?) The plaque is coming, the district ordered them – so we don't have to fund that either now.
 - The district is also going to be putting updates into our playground. We will be getting the black rubberized playground covering. They are trying to reclaim some of our grass. They will add a kickball backstop.

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The school has asked for an additional tetherball pole to replace an old one. They will be removing some of the older equipment and replacing it with newer. They will be fencing off some of the electrical and transformer boxes that are in a couple places on the playground.

Monthly Recap

- Candy Grams
 - We had an overwhelming response – in a good way. Including the option of using a Mustang Buck made it something that everyone had access too and they enjoyed personalizing them.
 - Bought 250 cookies, almost 25 lbs of Hershey kisses and over 160 pencils.
 - In the future we need to be clearer about telling students they will find them in their valentine boxes.
 - This showed the need for some sort of additional options for mustang buck uses beyond the drawing.
 - Kadi mentioned in her class she sells 3 pieces of licorice for 10 mustang bucks.
 - If student leaders were involved in helping run it, we would need to start an ASB. If we can simply get PTO parents to run it, we don't need to jump through those additional hoops. Perhaps we start small with something like once a month – or research more and start small next year – we should continue to discuss this further.
 - The need for additional parents to volunteer so the same few are not doing everything would need to be addressed before a larger store type undertaking.
- Daddy Daughter Dance –
 - Also seemed to be very well received and well attended– because we were able to save on expenses with the paper table clothes and “renting” the district’s free tables & chairs we ended up making money on the event.
 - Should have received digital pictures already on their provided emails
 - They will also be getting a paper copy now. Since we didn't do the “keepsake” item, it was discussed that we should perhaps get a little frame for them to be able to take it home with – all thought if it was fairly inexpensive it should be fine.
- PRIDE Assembly
 - Provided cookies & shirts
- Classified Staff Appreciation Breakfast (Thursday)
 - Cali will come join to help provide breakfast for classified staff

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Treasurer's Report

- We are currently balanced. We brought in just over \$900 profit from the dance (however, will spend some of that on the keepsake

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frames). We collected funds for 4th grade salmon t-shirts and those funds went directly out in check form to the t-shirt company.

Yearbook Update

Jenn for Jess

- We can make a banner and can sell yearbooks at the Destination Night at the PTO table near the popcorn.
- We need to clarify how many yearbooks have actually been sold – if we are close to 200, we will need to see if we can adjust our order.
- We can have a table out front and back after school to sell any extras once they have arrived and been distributed.
- The yearbook is almost complete with the exception of the final people needing to be pictured – Jess is working on that and then the additional page from our Kids at Hope Destination Night.

New Business

All

- 2nd Grade Team Request 2nd Grade Team
 - See the paper requests provided by their team (they are asking for \$48 to purchase 2 class sets of Stone Fox and \$427.82 to purchase supplies for a “Ron Clark Dinosaur Transformation” for 4 classrooms to turn into a themed room for the week as they are completing a rigorous unit but the high engagement will help to keep them so interested they don’t notice how difficult the work is.)
 - It was suggested that we approve Stone Fox now and confirm with the treasurer before we vote to approve the rest
 - Jenn Motioned to approve Stone Fox purchase, Cali seconded it 9 – 1’s 0 – No’s
 - If the larger purchase is made, the 2nd grade team would also like assistance to get it all set up on the Friday before- 3rd week of April (tentative) PTO would seek help from parents to help set it up.
- Bubble Run Award – rescheduled
 - Board requested to do it on the same day as carnival as we would be there already. Heidi is concerned as it is a testing day for the school and does not want to cause any extra disruption.
 - Heidi suggested that perhaps it be moved to the Family picnic day on June 8th - there are LOTS of families here that day that could help with blowing bubbles and it could be fun to have them here and involved. It was then asked if a “visitor” could blow bubbles or if it had to be a “volunteer.” Preference is that it would be a “volunteer” however they won’t really be interacting with the students, just blowing bubbles at those who won the award so it would probably be okay.
- Carnival – April 20

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- We NEED volunteers. The amount of people at our meeting today is not going to cut it! 😊
 - We need to look into having high schoolers again.
 - Ticket booth needs to be ran different than last year... Perhaps we tweak it to you get your prizes at each game and not actually have a ticket booth??
 - We probably need a bag of some sort for them to carry their goodies in... especially if they are getting trinkets at each game
 - Could we ask grade levels or classroom teachers to volunteer to be in charge of a particular game or games? Ask them to be responsible to getting their own volunteers. Last year they signed up for a game and had to reach out to their own classes to find volunteers. Not all teachers can attend due to family commitments – hopefully those ones can find more parents to help cover.
 - We need to find enough volunteers that people can take shifts so that both teachers and parents can also enjoy the event with their families.
 - We need to get a list of games so that teachers can sign up for what they want to do – ASAP!
- Teacher Appreciation Week May 7 – 11
 - Theme Rock N Roll – we will do a lunch on Thursday 10th (that way if there are left overs they won't go to waste).
 - Coffee cart? Cali will find out more details from Jenny.
 - Do paras need help with other things? Carol will pass the message along to see what more can be done to help classified staff as they put it together.
 - Alyssa & Heidi will talk more about where they might procure prizes for teacher raffles.
 - FYI – Skate Night is Mar. 14
 - FYI – Destination Night is Mar. 22 – The plea for interviewers went out – we still need more of them. Teachers can hype it up during conferences?! Alyssa is ordering more popcorn and will be there to make it and distribute it. She will bring her middle schooler to assist with the passport collection process.
 - FYI - Pizza Night is Mar. 29
 - Next PRIDE Assembly is April 25th – nothing much needed for that other than t-shirt sizes asap.

Raffle/Adjournment

Board

Raffle from Great Harvest

- Carol won the staff one & Cali won the parent one

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Motion to adjourn by Alyssa & Cali 2nd it All in agreement.