Welcome, Approve November Meeting Minutes, Budget Report, Teacher Grants

Today’s meeting is one of the General Membership meetings we are required to have 3 times a year. Last month’s meeting approved with no questions asked.

Updates

- Speed Cube Club - 1st meeting was 12/8/23. 50 kids showed up but 60 were registered. 12-15 parent volunteers also showed up. They split the kids into grades and that went well but for the next meeting they will split the kids up into solve ability levels. They’ve sent emails to all registered parents & explained the plan to ask who could volunteer and had a great turn out for parent volunteers. For the next meeting they need more timers for the “speed solving station” so they will need to buy more. They are planning to have a tournament in the Spring.
- Choir Dates - There is a choir performance planned 1/19/24

Elect Nominating Committee - We need 2 general members and 1 board member required for this committee. The bylaws require this get formed before the end of December. There will be Amanda Heller as the board representative, Farrah Edwards as the other member and we have 2
alternatives, Erika Harrison & Suzanna Graff. So, Mandy will talk to them, voting to allow Amanda Heller and Farrah Edwards as members: 9 voted aye, 1 voted nay

➢ **Budget Amendments**
  - Field trips $6000 to $7200 - Mandy made a motion to increase field trip money from $6000 to $7200 and Jamie Maxwell 2nd, 10 in favor, none opposed. The request was from the school due to increased costs.
  - $300 from Drama Club to Speed Cube Club - Mandy made a motion to move $300 from Drama Club to Speed Cube Club and Jamie Maxwell 2nd. 11 in favor, none opposed. Amanda will change this in the budget and send a check to the school.

➢ **Fundraiser** - Erin Ence - We met our goal. She asked for any ideas for a prize for the whole school since we met our goal. Something that will keep the kids in class. Maybe something a group has asked for to benefit the whole school. Suzy suggested a DJ for field day. Other suggestions: lunch recess dance party, lunch recess hot cocoa bar and playground equipment. Mrs. Nagpal suggested some kind of covering for the Kinder/Pre-K Playground. Anyone can send any new ideas to the PTA email. Sarah McConkie asked what the goal was and Erin said $22,000. We made $23,200ish.

➢ **School Play Proposal** - Suzy Matheson & Sarah McConkie - Suzy and Sarah are trying to get a play approved for next year. They will need at least $2,000 to cover rights, sets and costumes. There are many important reasons for a school play that was given to them by Annie Selander, the rep from Oakdale Elementary. The amount budgeted could be more if we want to scale up things like a cast party, better costumes, location, etc. A quick poll was taken about the interest in a school play. 7 showed interest. Mrs. Nagpal can send out a Parent Square email in January to parents to guage interest but this year’s PTA board can’t decide what happens next year.

➢ **School Service Project**
  - Students are writing notes to police and fire departments. The PTA will hand them out. Mandy found one police station and several fire stations. If anyone is interested in going over winter break to hand those out contact Mandy and she will give you some to deliver.
  - Food Pantry: Anyone can donate perishable items to school food pantry, stuff went out 2 hours after we received it so anyone can donate anytime. There are tons of tuna so something like Tuna Helper or
something that will help to go with the tuna is helpful. Mrs. Nagpal will check if non-perishable things can be donated.

➢ **Junior Achievement** - We are looking for volunteers before the 1/12 training meeting/

➢ **Teacher Report**: Andrea Lindquist - NA

➢ **Principal Report**: Divya Nagpal - The teachers are sending in supply list requests which will be sent to Mandy tomorrow.

➢ **Volunteer opportunities**
  ○ Junior Achievement - teach lessons in classroom

➢ **Other Business**: Open Floor
  - Budget Question: Was it projected to be spent this year? Why do we have so much extra? The previous years held over quite a bit and this year we are working to spend that on teacher and student support to give a minimal carryover for the 2024-2025 year.
  - No teacher grants to report