

Pleasant Ridge PTA Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2017

In attendance: Jennifer Steben, Megan Brown, Melissa Wild, Amy Spooner, Meg Phillips, Kevin Musson, Pete Campbell, Lorrie Welzbacker, Gabe Clark, Amy Good, Aramide

- Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 9:05 am
 - Fundraising
 - Enrichment
 - Forward planning for transition from 3rd to 4th
 - All of corporate sponsorships are in
- Enrichment
 - Science fair, basketball jones, movie night all done and went well
 - Science fair was successful coordinated by Dean Garbarz/Meg
 - Attendance was less than last year – uncertain of numbers, but staggered times worked really well
 - Move back to February next year?
 - Gap in communication with holidays
 - This year it was the same night as Boy Scout Pinewood Derby
 - Math night next –Feb 22
 - Mathnasium
 - 4 volunteers – National Honor Society volunteers?
 - Kevin has prizes for Bingo
 - Kevin will call bingo
 - 2 Treasure chests w/prizes
 - Extra bracelets
 - Art Night - March 2nd
 - Natalie Samp is the chair
 - Emily Oulette got grant for the instrument petting zoo, however they cannot do that night
 - Emily will arrange it for another time
 - March is reading month (Dawn to chair) “Exercise Your Mind: Read” theme
 - Maria Dismundy –growth mindset
 - March 31 is reading festival day – Friday before spring break
 - Teacher conference dinner March 16th –Afifa to chair
 - Teacher appreciation – Jackie Sweet to chair – first week of May
 - Field day is May 19 – Joe Welton will need volunteers
 - Kona ice truck for field day/Spring event?
 - Proceeds to Mama Jay?
 - \$2 for small snow cone.
 - Swipe card, bracelets, tickets (pay in advance)
 - Combine field day with spring fundraiser and auction?
 - Rain day May 26th
 - Spring Event
 - Camp Pleasant Ridge theme
 - Fishing activity?
 - S’mores, campfires, hot dogs, etc.
 - Jennifer will ask Chief Hoeft
 - Book fair
 - Aramide to do flyer
 - Special Guest presenters from 3rd grade Mama Jay group - Lana and Lola from Mrs. Welzbacker’s class
 - Mama Jay – doing box top drives to give back to others
 - They would like to do an assembly, fundraiser for pet adoption center, have a bake sale at math or art night
 - Had T shirts made (Mr. Musson got t-shirts funded)

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- Currently just 3rd grade, but want to expand school wide get more students and parents involved
- PTA will donate leftover PR Pride T shirts to Mama Jay
- Bake sale at spring event
- Collect pop cans/recycle Capri Sun pouches
- Board will discuss and get back to Mrs. Welzbacker
- Could money go through PTA? Set up a line item?
- Follow up with Meg and Amy re: bake sale at spring events – ownership by the kids – they can create the flyer, get people signed up etc.
- Principal Update (Kevin Musson)
 - Meg Phillips is the new Maker Space Coordinator
 - Meg will be working part time at PR for the remainder of the school year and this role will likely be expanding
 - Playground updates
 - Looking at Gaga ball pit for outside on playground
 - Joe Welton working on numbers \$3,300-3,700, depending on size
 - Popular at Heritage (mulch didn't work, rubber mulch gets thrown around, turf is a possibility)
 - Laura Washington to forward numbers
 - Adding 2 sidewalks, breakout learning areas in back with canopies, gates that lock
 - Cameras 22 were approved inside building
 - All students to have a 1:1 device.
 - Couple short in 2nd grade classes – next gen classrooms
 - Collaborate funding so that all students have access to a device while they are at school (no word on cost yet)
 - iPad minis for K-1; chrome books for 2-3
- Teacher updates (Pete, Lorrie, Gabe)
 - Transition from 3rd to 4th grade
 - Cookout – collaboration with Laura Washington/Heritage
 - Creating a video with 360-degree camera
 - Focus on parent component as well
- Fundraising update (Amy Spooner)
 - Spring fundraiser – Jennifer agreed to lead the event – looking for co-chair (Megan and Lindsey)
 - Auction – Amy – needs help (Lindsey will send email)
 - Date TBD
 - Parents night out last year
 - Carnival idea – not looking for quite that large of a scope
 - Not too soon so we are prepared, but not too late – beginning of May?
 - 32 Auctions online made \$4000 last year
 - Grade rep baskets
 - Be mindful of dance recitals and soccer
 - Want to try to do at least \$5000 this year
 - Relay for life is 5/13
 - Volunteers – high school students need volunteer hours
 - Kid-based and community based
 - Auction piece has to start now
 - Kalahari info to go out soon
 - Flyers – should go through Amy G
 - Taking money for next book fair rather than scholastic bucks
 - Cash box is still in the PTA closet
 - Campbell's Labels for Education phasing out as of August 2017

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- No money, but we get items from catalog
- Paulina and Crystal (Box Tops Chairs) won't worry about submitting the labels until next collection, then we'll figure out what we have to spend
- Scrips – we could earn a lot more money back on that - what can we do to improve?
 - Flyers- got 6 orders
 - E-mail – no orders
 - Put form in front of folks once a month? 1 ream of paper (work room budget includes copies/paper)
 - Need to describe how it works –explanation
- Budget (Melissa Wild)
 - Strategic grant – Melissa will review and e-mail vote
 - Amy Leighton to get with Pam Wickman about books she requested (\$200) – Melissa will get whatever we were unable to get through scholastic
 - After the little bit of money from office, \$4000 extra in budget right now
 - A few other things will trickle in – not including spring fundraiser or March event
 - \$23,000 going out
 - Chrome books money may come from Scott first
 - \$765 teacher money left
 - \$1400 room parent money
 - Teachers and room parents have allocation of money to spend
 - every year some don't use the money
 - Should we require them to use it by spring break or April 1
 - Next year use by December?
 - Some teachers are saving money until end of year party, which is too late in the year for Melissa, especially since she is leaving PR
 - Melissa to change account from CD to regular savings account
 - Jackie and Paulina are interested in treasurer position for next year?
 - Basketball Jones – add as permanent budget item? – absorbing into assembly budget?
 - Each grade \$500
 - \$1000 for school-wide assembly
 - Pete inquired whether there is money allocated for the school psychologist position?
 - No funding for classroom set-up
 - We need a good list of teachers/certified staff in order to include all staff (speech/language therapists, early fives, etc.)
- Open Business and Close – Jennifer Steben, President
 - Nomination committee – Jill Stacy, Cris Supina, Janet Dillon, and Melissa Wild
 - Membership – flyer went out – one additional membership received
 - Motion to approve last month's minutes: Aramide; Meg seconds
 - Meeting Adjourned 10:47 am