

Lion's Park PTO Meeting on Monday, February 7

Presidents Report - Mallory Reyes & Monica Janiczek

LSS Books:

- Mallory provided an update on LSS books: The cost was around \$1700 - \$1800. Ed Foundation funded \$1000 of this. PTO will vote on funding remaining amount during Treasurer's Report.
- Not an abundance of teacher requests for money.
- Only 8 grants were written for Ed Foundation, Mallory suggested the PTO could pick up additional fee (of around \$800).
- Need an official vote on this. Will do at Treasurer's Report.

- Capannari's reached out about Coolest School, and Mallory let them know we would like to be involved. It will be in-person, with each school having one day.

Wolvess Game:

- Zaleh N. will discuss at the Lincoln PTO meeting and suggest we do it school by school and not as a District event.
- Families can determine their own comfort level, regarding Covid cases/precautionary measures in place at the venue.
- Katie Kelly says that she feels much more comfortable about an event like this now, and thinks scheduling a date outside of February would be a go.
- Mallory will reach back out to Jackie at Fairview and work out the logistics of how this would be planned/date picked.

Teacher's Report - Sara Murphy

- Patty Kennedy said thank you for the author visit with Peter Reynolds.

- Leaping into Literature books ordered. Working with Becca Boland on coordinating this in the classrooms.

- Candore Health has gone well.

- 5th grade musical this year is Could you Hug a Cactus, and Claire K. will join the meeting later to discuss a few things/requests.

Teacher Requests:

- Abe and Mrs. Lincoln 5th grade presentation for social studies
- Two different options: 135 kids (all 5th grade) or two back to back assemblies followed by 15 minutes of Q & A for \$600/\$775.
- F & P Kits, hold off (\$450 per kit, and not a critical need). If the PTO decided to fund, we are looking at 1 more per grade level, and that would be a large monetary amount
- Other requests from teachers should be given priority over F & A kits.

- 5th graders do a Podcasting unit and Headphones, \$13 a pair, for classrooms would be helpful. Partial funding would be appreciated if all is not an option
- Around \$1800 total
- Claire will request some money for the 5th grade musical, but all expenses from the water damage discussed earlier will be covered under insurance.
- PTO can vote on items during Treasurer's Report.
- Teachers would prefer headphones over Abe Lincoln, if not all items can be funded

5th Grade Musical - Claire Koilinger

- Claire K. joined the meeting to discuss the 5th Grade Musical which will be different, but exciting!
- 6 different mini musics, all will happen in week (12 total, day and night)
- Showco AV will handle stage, lighting and sound at a cost of \$2500. Is there money in the budget to fund this if we are not able to generate cost from fundraising?
- Some of the funding for the musical will come through fundraisers:
- Paid for Shoutouts in program, and a possible flower sale.
- Fairview has done a flower sale in the past, and it's raised quite a bit of money.
- Zalheh has run flower sale in the past, and feels confident that we can do it at Lion's.
- There were questions about if people would buy flowers as they walk in or as pre-sale (Fairview has done a presale).
- Natalie recommended we Contact Purple Rose flowers.
- We are still in search of a person who can be a point person for the fundraising for the musical, and a 5th Grade musical booster chair.
- For a flower sale to happen, we need to find a person willing to do this.
- Natalie, a local parent/photographer, suggested she could take pictures of the 5th graders in costume as an additional fundraiser? She will think through the logistics and contact Claire K.

Treasure's Report - Jackie

- Jackie shared budget to review costs, PTO could cover the cost of musical lighting if need be.
- PTO will sponsor, but we can still try to fundraise to recoup.
- Voted to approve \$2500 in funds for 5th Grade Musical
- Next year 5th grade musical will be a booster chair, separate from 5th grade activities.
- Voted to approve LSS books, headphones, Abe Lincoln.
- Jackie will Book Kona Ice for 5/31, and the PTO will cover cost.
- Jackie reported on the financials of the PTO. Most of expense were for book fair, and the amount included what was purchased for students and teachers.
- We also spent money to cover the cost for Leaping into Lit
- STEM Fair is planned for March 15, in-person, but if there is a date that works better it can be moved.

- Fairview will have a staggered entry for STEM. There may be some logistical things to figure out, but it can be in-person.
- Possibly could also have a Flipgrid option for families who don't want to participate in person.
- Additional tables have been purchased for COVID, and could be used for STEM Fair.
- The PTO will also likely purchase medals.

ED Foundation - Malloy Reyes

- Gala is on the horizon, stay tuned for more info.
- It will be held at Victoria in the Park.

VP Report - Patty Susmarski & Sara Deitch

- We are still in need of a Pawlooza and 5th Grade Musical Booster, flyer will be sent out.
- STEM Fair co-chair position is open, there is some interest, but no commitment.
- Valentines Day volunteers are fully covered, 2 per teacher.
- New health guidance will likely apply to volunteers, but Katie would like us to be ready to check vaccines/test, if necessary.
- Nothing needs to be communicated out regarding this, at this point.

5th Grade Activities:

- There will be a Paint Night, Friday February 25
- In-person event okay with Katie, but she would like to keep the cafeteria clean.
- There were some questions about if this would be a drop-off or family event. Katie said most activities typically involve parents.
- 20 - 30 kids would be the most she felt comfortable with at a drop-off event.
- We would want to get information out this week, and Zaleh will email something tomorrow as a follow-up.
- Get Air Event in early March.

Special Lunches:

- Chairs could not join meeting.
- Shared 4/20, 4/27, 5/4, 5/6 as possible dates for a singular Special Lunch.
- The first week of May is usually teacher appreciation so late April would be better.
- It could be run indoors or outdoors (spacing requirements have changed, so it will be easier on volunteers now).
- Lunches are as follows: 11:50 (3/5) 12:20 (4) 12:50 (2) - grade levels, and it would be done this way for Special Lunch even if eating/spacing arrangements change.
- Buena or Dairy Queen are likely the best option since we will only have one this year.

Paint Night for Grades 2 - 4:

- A paint night for 2-4 grader was discussed.
- Patty will look into doing this as parent/child activity.
- Mallory will send school email out with Pawlooza attachment with the hopes of having the event April 21 (family), April 22.
- If we don't have anyone by a set date for Pawlooza in the next two weeks, the event will have to be canceled.
- Donna will communicate with us before next meeting about spring dance/fair.

Principal's Report - Katie Kelly

- Reviewing data during team meetings and Katie K. is pleased with progress students are making
- Obviously, a big change this week was switch to optional masking
- The main focus of the school is to be respectful and kind to everyone, even with differing viewpoints.

Topics for Discussion - Entire PTO

- Many of the items under Topics for Discussion were discussed during the meeting.
- Tentative dates were set for Spring dance/fun fair. More information coming soon.
- Emme will find out if any of the performers she looked into our available April 28 or 29.

Meting adjourned. Next meeting Monday, March 7 via Zoom.