

PTO Minutes 10/3/18 Library 4:30 PM

Attendance: Kimberly Shoulders, Patty Davis, Kristen Lamkin, Christina Phillips, Joi Gilliam, Nicole LeBlanc, Wendy Early, Amy Roper, Lisa Cole, Amber Fowler, Mark Bounds, Janis Salter, Chi Chi Abando-Norman, Kim, Terrena,

Nicole has agreed to be Volunteer Coordinator. Will take over sign up for water for carline. Amy reports there are water bottles left over in the portable. May keep water for China Trip concession sales.

Moon Fest (Amy) - Made \$1000. Considerably less than years past. Had to pay staff \$400 to set up and tear down Pay police officer. Decreased price of wrist band. It is not meant to be a fundraiser. Last minute planning due to Hurricane. Well attended. Kids had fun. Great event overall.

Fun Run - PTO's biggest fundraiser. A large part of \$ earmarked for playground. PTO's idea was to purchase benches and shade for playground. Mr. Bounds requests that PTO build up their reserve with the funds. Shade and playground can be covered with school building fund bond \$.

There are still 4 Keurigs missing. PTO cabinet also missing, probably in Hill building. Kimberly to meet with Mr. Bounds tomorrow to find PTO cabinet.

Move Sport and Game Night to another month, not November 16. Cocky for Sports and Game Night? Nicole may have connection.

Parent University and Chili Cook Off - Monday November 19.

Offer child care after chili cook off for Parent University.

Nicole to get volunteers and people to cook chili. Get teachers involved to compete.

Popular vote and Judges Vote. Judges - teachers, students, administrators.

Principal's report: Mr. Bounds

Classes going great. Dave Reed, Mr. Mosely handling discipline. Horizons after school gaining some steam. Horizons to provide enriching activities. Run Hard, Chess, Cheerleading team, CCC, Art Club and Art Tutoring for aspiring artists, homework time. Not just free play. Outside vendors were taking advantage of the school.

Interims have gone out. There are a number of students struggling, failing a core subject.

Disappointed in this. Overall kids are doing great. New students in grade 3-5 will not get a grade in Mandarin, but will get a comprehensive report.

There was an unannounced lock down yesterday because of a student running from Mr. Reed. One class was in a closet for 30 minutes because they did not hear the all clear. There was an announced fire drill that went well.

Construction continues on the sidewalk and awning, sidewalk to basketball court, tricycle track, fencing. HVAC issue in common areas. A million items on punch list - can go for a year. There

is a current Hill building feasibility study - can it be used? Jumper Carter Sease to look into. Can it be classrooms? 6th grade? It has been determined to be structurally sound. \$4000 to do study out of bond. Are portables structurally sound? Will probably have to get rid of. Modular building an option instead of portables or hill building. Middle School to be repaved on a weekend.

There are 652 students enrolled in East Point today. Niche study gives East Point an A rating and top 6% in country. Two 6th grade math classes having to bounce teachers around. Ms. Chapman is math interventionist. Ms. Ishi taught at Northside, engineer started today as 6th grade math, Algebra, and keyboarding with Ms. Lindstrom.

All district charter school leaders had meeting here yesterday. They were blown away. Visitors from Auburn University - alot of Chinese nationals. USC Dean Peterson - Professional Development school for USC student teachers and Ms. Sun from Greenville to partner with our school with possible donation.

Close on Bond by May. Under budget, will go through Board for any more spending needed. Then it will all be wrapped up in a mortgage bill. 3 Million grant ends in 2 years - School improvement bond - Have \$500,000 to spend. \$10,000 more in books for library and mandarin books for classrooms from school improvement.

New testing / retesting policy - students given opportunity to remediate. Trying to get parents involved early on with grades. Not late in year. Finishing MAP this week. Formative - forms how teacher teaches. Summative at end of year.

PTO question to Mr. Bounds:

-Could students be given time to practice instruments afterschool?

Horizons is behind on getting music lessons for after school. Janis recommended "Keychanges" for Music lessons.

-Can there be a Homework club at middle school?

Would need to pay for a staff member.

East Point is paying teachers stipends for Horizons. Teachers were tutoring music and art and making a lot of \$. Instead have an art or music club to get the most kids involved. Cultural shift. Don't want only those with \$ be able to participate. Transiitoning to different model.

Carline - 330 cars twice a day. Speed limit had been set 15 to 5. A few bad apples -On phone, cross concrete pad, park in handicapped space. PTO should lead by example and make comments to parents as necessary. Live by Panda Core.

Recommendation: Signs to direct cars?

On Parent FB page, Mr. Bounds recommends post "look at Bloomz or School FB page or School website for official info" instead of posting the official info.

SIC looking into Ride share app. Looking for volunteers.

Candidates for PTO Mandarin representative?

China Trip Yard Sale - This Sat 6 AM with Pumpkins for sale. Huge outpouring of donations. 12 tables sold for yard sale. Will hold another yard sale in March.

Teacher Appreciation - Small gifts every month for 100 people

Oct - New teacher gifts, lunch for teacher conferences day. (Get with Tori for updated list.)
Looking to serve authentic chinese food. Hu Nan Wok? TeaPot (Knox Abbott)? Chinese Wing
Basket (Main & Sunset)? (\$1,125)
Nov - Donuts (\$125)
Dec - Hand Sanitizer (\$125)
Jan 4 - Breakfast Fruit and Bagel Juice, Coffee (\$800)
Feb - Chinese New Year Cookies (\$375)
March - Extra Gum (\$125)
April - Animal Crackers (\$125)
May - Teacher Appreciation Week Lunch contact Stacy Paris - possible Title One Lunch that
week. (\$3000)
Total: \$5,800.00 (Projected amount a difference of \$1,158.22 from currently budgeted amount)
End of Year Lunch Separate

Box Top Coordinator, Destra Capers, has been in touch with Kimberly and they will get
organized this month.

Each Homeroom does have a Homeroom parent in Elementary. Homeroom parents need to
sign contract. Then get on Bloomz Homeroom page and Amy can get them their parent lists.

Middle School Social on Calendar for December 14. Lock In? Games? Casual? Scavenger
Hunt? Escape Room? Let middle school students have input.

Paint and Pour China Trip Fundraiser on Dec 7.

Next Meeting Nov 7 @ 4:30 in Library.

Need to at least address By Laws revisions.