

Thornell Road PTSA Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Virginia Brown

Attendees: Virginia Brown, Lisa Mauger, Molly Shepard, Jenna Perset, Rachel Nichols, Liz Ruder, Teague Ruder, Roger DeBell, Jon Welch, Jackie Hughes, Andrea True, Gretchen Keyes, Virginia Hartman, Michele Ricks, Kristen Bergholtz, Jennifer Zuch, Talia Abhyahkar

Welcome and introductions around the table.

Welcome from Mr. DeBell – year off to a good start, thank you to everything for coming today. Glad to have the kids back. PTSA does so much for the school, that you for helping. We could not do what we do without parent help. Sometimes we don't recognize how much work happens behind the scenes but Mr. DeBell really appreciates it.

Budget Review – Michele Ricks, Treasurer

- Michele is outgoing treasurer and she will present the report. It will be posted on the website for further review **INCLUDE IN EBLAST**
 - Box tops dropped because we were lower last year
 - Numbers mostly carried over from last year
 - “Winter Carnival” budget line is actually the Basket Bonanza we can't change the names of the lines, this is programed at the district level.
 - After School Programs – this should be net zero but we account for a little extra loss
 - Cultural Arts are field trips, assemblies, etc. - We paid a little more last year to cover kindergarten activities that weren't included in overall budget
 - Library – mostly going towards MakerSpace, looking for a 3D printer this year
 - Nature Center/Courtyard = supplies for painting stencils games on blacktop out back
 - Science Action = received a grant and that money will be applied to programming this year
 - Other = misc. expenses, slush funds
 - Gifts to Schools
 - \$1,300 request from Mr. DeBell for two new bike racks
 - One 3D printer incorporated in the budget.
 - Also looking at new padding for the gym = \$1,800, this is not currently included in the budget, may want to consider doing a fundraiser for this.
 - New possibility for fundraiser: Gina is familiar w/ an activity = Square One Art. Need to coordinate w/ Mrs. Lubbers and the kids create a piece of art work and then you can purchase an item made with that artwork on that. There is some work involved in this but not a ton, not sure what the profit margin on this would be. If Mrs. Lubbers is not interested the other option would be to send the form home with kids and family could do them at home.
 - Can Kings is still on-going so we still have **INCLUDE IN EBLAST** Clipper magazine has a coupon that you can get \$0.06 instead of 5

Back To School Picnic:

- We still need more help. Middle School kids would be welcome to come and help – this could be used for community service hours.

New Online Directory:

- We can do email notifications through the online directory, sends notification to app and if you don't have the app you will receive an email.

Super Sale

- District's biggest fundraiser district wide \$57,000 last year.
- Intake for two days.
- If you volunteer you get the shop early. New this year: For every 3 hour shift you work you qualify for \$10 worth of advanced purchases.

Spirit Wear – Kristen is taking over

Through the membership tool kit we can sell merchandise online. We can inventory and take orders

Other big fundraiser – Reindeer Lane – this year will fall before Chanukah

- Changing the name to just "Holiday Shop"
- This year two days in a row – this year would like to scheduled Tuesday/Thursday so that we can reorder
- Want to keep the support for k-2, teachers don't go up.

Year Book –

- Gina currently doing it, she enjoys it but needs help.
- LIT – Google links to share photos. – this may not be compliant. Will need more district clarification.
- We will need district direction to figure out what the guidelines are.
- The Student Visibility Law – Bloomz will no longer be supported.
- Cover contest is coming up
- May be interested in doing 5th grade club

Room Parent Representatives:

Will we have this again this year? The Membership Toolkit helps to alleviate some of the pressure but we may still want to have

Art Ambassador –

- We have someone who may be interested in running this. We've had the program in the past we just need to do a little refreshment.

- K-3
- Money, Pollok, can't recall third artist

How to get more volunteers:

- Possibility of having a meeting in the evening for people who may need to work. Wouldn't involve
- Possibility of having a conference call
- Possibly having a video or a zoom conference
- Having a guest speaker come in a speak to parents;
 - Katie Wells – doing a presentation to Faculty about restorative practices, do this in the evening may be good to share this with
- Sign up opportunities table at the Back To School Picnic w/ laptop Signup Genius
- Gretchen Keyes = Nature Garden Volunteer – planters \$100 per year, center courtyard

After School Programs:

- Registration would run until 9-29, first sessions will run 9/30 – 10/4

Heritage Fair:

- Evening event for families to present information about their person heritage &/or a culture that they are interested in.
- Run sort of like a science fair, people could

Beth Yan & Meghan Finnell interested in doing a Spelling Bee, maybe in November?

Box Tops – Rachel is meeting with Jackie. Box Tops are going digital and you need to take picture of your receipts. App on phone, you take a picture of your receipt and select the school. These are phasing out so some are still hard copy and some are transitioning to the app. **INCLUDE IN EBLAST**

We can offer to scan receipts.

- 1. Download app, scan receipt
- 2. Send your receipt and we will scan it
- 3. Send in box tops w/ bar code

Indoor Recess:

- During the winter often kids will end up in the auditorium to watch movies
- They aren't supposed to talk while movies are
 - We need to figure out:
 - Do they need more help to cover – could we put together a list of parents who could be on call to volunteer on days when weather is a problem.
 - Cosmic Kids Yoga, Go Noodle
 - Could they stay in the cafeteria?

Meeting adjourned 10:10 AM

Next meeting: October 8, 2019, 9:00 AM, Thornell Road STAR lab.