

PTA Meeting Minutes

November 30, 2017

7 pm Media Center

1. Welcome and Approval of Minutes (Tara Pleasant)
 - Minutes approved from October 13, 2017
2. Principal's Report (Aaron Marcin)
 - Thanks to those who participated in the Thanksgiving meals.
 - Holiday Hug is coming up where you can give gifts to children at LME.
 - Positivity Project Celebration last week was a success. During the assembly kids were engaged in a fitness activity and singing.
 - Writing Contest- Thanks for those that judged. Please come out and help Saturday December 2 at Barnes & Noble. Mr. Marcin will be dressed up as an elf. Thanks to Cami Stephens for all she has done to for this event.
 - Leopard Leaders – new program of student council leadership. They are presenting great ideas.
 - Lots of clubs are meeting – Book, Jump Rope, Green Thumb. Great to see students doing so much here. Fun to watch kids cleaning up courtyard, writing stories, and reading.
 - LME was a Bronze level award winner last year for healthy schools. We are looking into what it takes to be a Silver winning school.
 - Grow Every Child- Every child at the school has a goal sheet. Goal is to have each student gain a year of growth at their level.
 - Teachers are working really hard at LME. We are #6 in the highest achieving growing school in WCPSS.
 - Holiday luncheon for teachers coming up. He encouraged each student to write a thank you note to his teacher for that luncheon.
3. President's Report – Tara Pleasant
 - Mini grants Total Amount Requested: \$6,901.93. Mini-Grant Budget: \$5,000
 1. Brautman/Volland – Garden Rock Trail
 - a. Callie Wright has done some research on the price of rocks.
 - b. Others suggested a landscaper get involved to donate rocks; Mr. Marcin has contacted a parent who is a landscaper to see if willing to help.
 - c. Garden would benefit all.
 - d. Located near 5th grade hall outdoors toward playgroundApproved: \$500.00

2. Brautman – Bottle Cap Mural
 - a. School Beautification Project
 - b. Only for 4th graders
 - c. Idea is that we would do one mural a year over next several yearsApproved: \$100.00
3. Karen Howarth OT – Shoebox Tasks
 - a. Sturdier boxes than shoeboxes
 - b. Fine Motor and Visual skills
 - c. Serves approximately 20 studentsApproved: \$401
4. Karen Howarth OT – Self-inking Name Stamps
 - a. Name stamps for seven kids who cannot write
 - b. very empoweringApproved: \$140
5. Huffines and Martin – Spine Crackers (Books, Breakfast & incentive books)
 - a. Club began after school started so had no budget.
 - b. Serves 2nd – 3rd graders
 - c. Breakfast can't be served according to WCPSS Health and WellnessApproved: \$150 from mini-grant money and \$150 from “other club” budget line.
6. Katie Carroll – Feeling Buddies Self-Regulation Toolkit
 - a. Conscious Discipline
 - b. Serves K-2nd graders to explore emotionsApproved: \$373.75
7. Mandy Foss – Battle of the Books Team (practice questions, snacks & t-shirts)
 - a. Wants a set of practice questions for competition
 - b. Suggested parents offer to pay for T shirtsApproved: \$50
8. Kelly Denny – Books that focus on different disabilities
Approved: \$230
9. Volland – 3rd Grade EL Curriculum
 - a. District says they may cover these books and if they do, the PTA wouldn't get the money back once they are purchased.
 - b. Want \$400 for Module 1 books
 - c. Want \$600 for Module 2 booksApproved: \$600.
10. Volland – Green Thumb Club
 - a. Club was granted a \$2,000 grant and has a budget line of \$745 left.
 - b. Suggested that garden club use grant and budget money first if more things come up then they can ask for another mini grant.
 - c. Liz Kearsse wants to start a composting at school. She found a company that could help with composting. We can give kids empowerment and help with research.
 - d. Goal of Garden Club to involve every grade level

Approved: \$0 from Mini Grant budget

11. Demcio/Marcin – 3rd Grade Teachers EL Collaboration

- a. Marcin has asked 3 other principals at Brooks, Douglas, Jeffries Grove to collaborate with our 3rd grade teachers
- b. Every quarter the teachers would gather and collaborate on EL curriculum
- c. Need money for substitutes. Four (1/2 day substitutes)

Approved: \$0

Remaining Balance of Mini Grants: \$2455.00

4. Treasurer's Report – Rebekah Williams

- See attached budget

5. Fundraising Report –

- Family Night Out – Laruen Cotter. Would love for families to participate in Coconut Charlie's Bounce It Out for parents to have a night out. Can we approve \$50.00 to give Leo Leopard parent a gift card.. YES! You have money in your budget for that.
- Writing Contest at Barnes and Noble
 - a. Leo and Santa will be there
 - b. Need help one hour before store opens to help decorate
 - c. Theme is "Let it Snow" and have lots of items to raffle and presents for winners
 - d. B & N will donate percentage of items purchased to LME
- Artist in Residence will be coming next week. Artwork will be done in school hallways
- Leopard Leaders – Student council. Need PTA leaders to offer leadership to this group. Wants the kids to feel like they are contributing something to the school.
- Boosterthon –
 - a. PTA and Mr. Marcin has decided to use another fundraiser engine for next year.
 - b. Suggested we do health related fund raisers. Would like to have whole families involved in a fun run. Jason Edwards looking into health related fund raisers.
 - c. Marcin suggested we look at a school who has a notebook of how they raised \$24,000 on their own.
 - d. We need a subcommittee to meet and decide steps for fundraising next year.
 - e. Jenny Halasz can be on the team for the technology piece.
- Holiday Shop
 - a. Need volunteers
 - b. Need \$1.00 items to be donated
 - c. Held in Media Center

6. Other Business

- Need a small console table for teacher's lounge for Keurig
- Jason Edwards reminded us that the cafeteria is selling health/wellness approved food, suggested we use more non food rewards in classrooms
- Staff Appreciation luncheon suggested we give teachers playground equipment for gift

7. Next PTA Meeting December 15, 2017 at 8:30 AM