

Family Center PTO Meeting September 11, 2024

Attendees

- Deanna Palagallo (President)
- McKenzie Walter (Secretary)
- Brock Reichart (Treasurer)
- Amy Perry (Director)
- Lauren Hamburg
- Laura Scelbach
- Julie Gullickson
- Alyssa Shaw-Clarkin
- John Davis
- Angela Hochman
- Subasana Shrestha
- Marisa Giller

Welcome (Deanna Palagallo)

- Thank you for attending coffee meet & greet
- Great to see everyone and meet new families
- Great start to the school year

Board and Committee Member Intros

- Co-Presidents: Deanna Palagallo and Shelby Brett
- Treasurer: Brock Reichart
- Secretary: McKenzie Walter
- Communications: Subasana Shrestha
- Outreach: Lauren Hamburg
- Book Fair: Allison Caine and Allison Reichart
- Teacher Appreciation: Stephanie Goette and Ellie O'Brien
- Fundraising: Stefanie Mott and Alyssa Clarkin
- Art to Remember: Amy Jennings
- Class Pictures: Open, need volunteers
- Alyssa motions to vote to approve slate, Marisa seconds, all vote in favor, motion carries

Budget Update (Brock Reichart)

- Need to vote on budget since first meeting of the year
- Had a scholarship request come through last year - only one
 - Keeping a buffer in budget for any that come up
- School improvements new line item this year
 - We have a big balance and want to use it to support the teachers
 - \$1,500 instead of \$1,000 for school improvements - need to update in budget
- Paypal fees changed to \$150
- We are required to keep one year of budget expenses in reserve
- Over the years surplus has increased, especially since Covid
- Working on trying to get back down
- School wish list that teachers have requested:
 - A living willow archway for garden to make a tunnel
 - Tempera paint cakes
 - Binoculars
 - Washable markers

- Jute rug
- Tambourines
- Toy cupcake set
- Toy tea set
- Mini clipboards
- Total \$1,040.19
- Question asked about Chase Bank and interest rate
 - Laura explained why we keep it at Chase and not having to switch the names to open the account every year
- Playground improvements were set for July but our start date got pushed back to 9/20 but should happen quickly
- Vote to approve the budget - Alyssa motions, Marisa seconds, all approve, budget passes unanimously

Treasurer's Report (Brock Reichart)

- Spirit wear - \$195 went to last year's budget, most payments will show in next months treasurer report
- \$41.78 in CheddarUp fees

Communications (Subasana Shrestha)

- E-blast lead time is 24 business hours for school district, earlier for communication chair is preferable if possible
- Works best with an overall plan to have fewer emails

Outreach (Lauren Hamburg)

- Diaper drive starts Sept 29 for Nurses for Newborns
- Wipes accepted
- Bigger sizes are helpful
- Open boxes/packages accepted
- Will have bins outside the entrances of the building

Bookfair (Allison Caine and Allison Reichart)

- November 2nd @ Betty's Books
- Just one day this year vs. 2 last year
- Email for teacher wishlist will go out soon to teachers
- Art / crafts suggestions appreciated
- Volunteers will be needed

Teacher Appreciation (Ellie O'Brien)

- First work day was 8/30 - dropped off smoothies for staff
- Funds left over to stock kitchen
- October conference dinner - still working on where to order food from
- Question asked about being able to send teacher appreciation emails through district to specific classrooms
- Suggested to put reminders in blog for checking emails about this

Fundraising

- Shake Shack Donation Day is Sep 17
- Flashlight Walk on Nov 15
- Parents Night Out on Dec 5 at Clayton Winehouse
 - 6:00-8:00 or 5:00-7:00 time slots available, consensus was 6:00-8:00 would work

better

- Potential of doing another t-shirt drive in spring for those who missed the last one if there is enough interest

Class Pictures

- Need volunteer(s)
- Last year we used photographer, years past we used a parent volunteer
- Angela volunteered; Marisa and Alyssa also volunteered to help
- Individual pics were an option last year for those interested

Directors Report (Amy Perry)

- SPL program MWF still has openings
 - Spread the word, TR almost full
- Long range facility planning - each school has a subcommittee
 - Just had first meeting
 - Done survey of building to see what needs updating
 - Also listening to wants / needs
 - Encourage parents to reach out with concerns
 - Will meet throughout 1st semester and come together in January with entire district

Closing (Deanna Palagallo)

- Next meeting 10/9