



PTA Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, February 18th, 2020 7:00pm

Attendees: Kristin Fisher, Lindsay Roop, Susan Mondrach, Sherri Berridge, Martha Mickey, Katie Weyrauch, Jenny Fuerst, Amanda Cook, Kate Stengel, Rebekah Kilzer

President's Report: Susan Mondrach

- January minutes approved by Lindsay Roop, seconded by Katie Weyrauch

Vice President's Report: Lindsay Roop

- Read Across America Event Update will be Thursday, March 5th from 6:30-8:00. All the stations have a volunteer to lead them, but will need a few more volunteers to help. A couple new activities will be added this year. Incoming kindergarteners are also invited and a flyer went home with them this past week. It is always a wonderful event!

Treasurer's Report: Kristin Fisher

- Kristin shared that we are doing great with funds so far this year. We have about \$44,000 in the bank with about \$18,000 going to dedicated funds. We got approval to move the south field improvement line item to the outdoor learning space line item. If we spend everything this year as planned, we will end the year with about \$11,000. So far this year, we have come in under budget in every line item.

Principal's Report: Sherri Berridge

- State of the schools is February 26th at WKHS. Sherri would love for parents to come. It is a pretty fun and engaging event with student performances and speakers. Trent Bowers will also be speaking.
- She also wanted people to know that during the second board meeting in March Trent Bowers will be talking about the boundless property and the future of Colonial Hills. Obviously, nothing has been decided, but he will have general numbers of a new building vs. renovating the existing school.
- Trent will also come to CHES in April to discuss the new 6th-8th grade middle school schedule, transportation issues and school traditions that will stay in 5th or move to

6th and answer any questions.

- 6th grade celebration will be moved to Friday before the last week of school.

Committee Updates and Announcement:

PTAC update- Christy Niezgodaa

- PTAC is still looking for officers for next year.

Spirit Wear Update-Sarah Mullen

- Get ready for new Spirit Wear! We will be trying out a new company (The Awesome Company, a local business founded on employing adults on the autism spectrum) this spring. The sale will include only youth sizing as we test out this new partnership. If all goes well, we will host a larger sale in the fall. This sale will consist of 2 choices of CHES tall socks, soft youth t-shirts, youth ringer t-shirts (banding around neck and arms), and a soft hoodie.
- Sale will run from April 10th-April 24th. Delivery will be about May 8th.
- More to come next month as we get closer, but really looking forward to trying out The Awesome Company. Please contact Sarah Mullen with any questions/concerns.

Book Fair update-Martha Mickey

- Martha shared that the book fair was very successful. We had a total of \$6,325.06. Of that money, Martha will get \$1,200 in cash and \$758 in scholastic dollars. We also raised \$444.68 in all for books. All for books is a program that Scholastic does which allows Martha to use the money anyway she wants in the library. Scholastic then donates that same amount in books to places all over the country that has a need for books. This year they focused on places that have had natural disasters. We also use that money to get books in the hands of our CHES kids. She gave out \$827 in scholastic dollars to kids and volunteers. Martha mentioned that so many of the items in the library come from the money that we make from the book fair. Martha thanked everyone for all the help during the book fair.

Pastapalooza update –

- Kristin Fisher shared that we made around \$2,000 as a fundraiser. We all commented that it was so much fun this year and a great event for everyone! Thank you to Jen Hall for leading it this year!

Outdoor Classroom – Lindsay Roop

- Heather Doherty and Lindsay met with the staff today and talked about the purpose of the space and ways they can use the space for their own curriculum. We will need the teachers help in meeting certain goals that we need to meet for the EPA grant that we have received. Teachers seemed really excited to use it!
- Lindsay shared from a financial standpoint we need to raise about \$4,000 more total. We have 2 more fundraisers coming up this year, the tag sale and the online auction.
- The Tag sale will be on Saturday, 2/29. We really need help either on Friday to sort or Saturday to sell. Lindsay thanked Sherry for all the help she has provided to get the tag sale organized. Jessica Goins and Heather Scardina are finalizing details. We are advertising in the dispatch. Lindsay will post shareable events on Facebook. It looks like we have at least 40 people donating items.
- We also have an online auction from March 6th- March 13th. We have really good items to auction, but still looking for people to help reach out and gather some more items. Rebekah Kilzer has helped so much in setting up the online portion. Rebekah shared the most important thing to make the auction successful is for everyone to help get the word out. Anyone can bid whenever they want during the time it is live. We have a lot of really cool items, gift cards, services, vacation homes rental, a very nice variety of items. We will create a shareable event through Facebook when the time comes. We need to tap into the bigger community to help fundraise.
- Meeting with contractors next week to talk about coordinating the constructions. Hoping to open the structure in August. A big thank you to Lindsay and Heather Doherty for all their work they have done for this project.

5th Grade Fundraising –

- Kristin Fisher shared that we have met our goal of \$3,000 for Camp Ohio. We have 2 more fundraisers this year, Blue Jacket tickets raffle and an art raffle. We have about 62 students that will go to camp. Historically, with the PTA fundraising, it is usually \$40/child to go to camp. So, if we raise more, it will bring the assumed \$40 down even more.

Clean the Ravine- Heather Doherty

- Clean the Ravine is scheduled for Saturday, April 18th from 8am - 12pm. Clean the Ravine always occurs around Earth Day and will be registered as a service site with Green Columbus, along with dozens of other sites around central Ohio. This year is the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day, so the planning committee is planning a special art project to go along with garden bed cleanup, invasive species removal and tree planting. We are working with Mrs. Liddil to use overlapping tree cookies (thinly sliced rounds of wood, 2-3" wide) to create a temporary outdoor sculpture. This will hopefully happen both at the event and during school hours. More details to come.
- As always, we are asking people to bring shovels, wheelbarrows, trowels and gloves to help with the event, and to stay for as long or as little as they like. Online registration will open with Green Columbus soon.

***Plant Sale-**Rebakeh Kilzer

- The plant sale will run from March 16th-March 30th. Packets will go out on Monday and due back the Friday before spring break. Delivery day will be May 2nd in the morning. The prizes have changed a little bit this year. They have also added ferns and heart shaped tomatoes, which is terrific! The plants and customer service are wonderful every year.

Last Day of School- Jenny Fuerst

- Jenny shared that the foam pit is secured. Everyone is excited again for the foam pit!
- Heather S. is scheduled to book Selby for the 6th grade party. They will have a separate party again this year, but will still have a chance to go in the foam pit.
- Jenny shared a couple things that we learned from last year that will hopefully make it better this year. She bought whistles for each station. She will also add a hospitality group that will

relieve the volunteers at each station. We will add additional water stations and spend less time eating in the morning. We also talked about switching the location of the water games and the foam pit. Jenny will look into the logistics of this switch. Jenny also mentioned having an area where kids can chill and have quiet time.

School supplies-Kristen Klopfer

- We are considering switching companies for school supply kits.. We loved supporting the local Star Beacon but didn't have a great experience with their new rep this year. We checked out a few companies and 1st Day School Supplies seems to be the best. They are still an Ohio company and slightly cheaper than other supply kit companies- and comparable in cost to Star Beacon. 1st Day will do all the sorting/ boxing. Ordering is handled via their website. Only \$\$ the PTA would need to collect is from cash only parents. We would still deliver kits to classrooms, but they will come color coded by grade with the kid's name on front! They can add a donation button on the website as well, so people can still donate a kit if they want. A lot of parents ask if they can reuse headphones and the TI calculator so they are able to make these as "add ons", which is great! Everyone agreed on trying the new company.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm