



PTA Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 21st, 2020 7:00pm

Attendees: Katie Weyrauch, Sarah Mullen, Lindsay Roop, Susan Mondrach, Rebekah Kilzer, Nikki Hudson, Heather Scardina, Jen Hall, Heather Doherty, Martha Mickey, Kristen Klopfer, Kristin Fisher, Kate Stengel, Sherri Berridge, Kim Crowley

President's Report: Susan Mondrach

- November minutes approved by Rebekah Kilzer, seconded by Heather Scardina
- Thank yous were passed around from the staff to the PTA and to the 2nd and 4th grade parents for the monthly brunch.

Vice President's Report: Lindsay Roop

- Lindsay shared that the Read Across America event is planned for Thursday, March 5th. We are still looking for a volunteer to run the games in the gym. 6th grade volunteers also help with the games. Martha Mickey is busy working on all the other activities for the night.

Treasurer's Report: Kristin Fisher

- We are doing great with respect to the budget this year.
- Cardboard challenge cost was \$200 to rent the gym. Going forward we will include this in the family party line item.
- Kristin asked Sherri to reencourage teachers to submit for reimbursement funds.
- We will have a lot of expenditures at the end of the year, including the end of the year party and outdoor learning space.
- Andrea Garland submitted a grant to supply the classrooms with reusable plates and cups to use for classroom parties.

Principal's Report: Sherri Berridge

- Sherri asked if we all have received notification to sign up for conferences. There seems to be a glitch in some of the emails getting out.

Committee Updates and Announcement:

Pastapalooza – Jen Hall

- Jen shared that the fund raising for Pastapoolza is going well. We have \$1400 committed in donation checks from our sponsors. We currently have reservations for 212 people, which is a little down from previous years. We have a lot of openings for 7:00pm slot. There will be only a 50/50 this year, due to the swimming pool not contributing to any schools this year. If you haven't reserved your spot, please do.

Curriculum Liaison - Kristen Klopfer

- Kristen discussed the latest meeting that was held in December at Phoenix Middle School. They are trying to move the location of every meeting so that everyone can see different buildings in the school district. Kids from Phoenix, Linworth and Worthington Academy spoke about their feelings and the philosophy of each of the programs. Phoenix will come to 6th grade classrooms and talk to the kids about Phoenix this week. There is also an open house coming up. Email blast should be sent out to the 6th grade parents. Phoenix will be switching to 6th grade when we make that transition next year with 6th grade going to middle school.

Cardboard Challenge Update – Kristen Klopfer

- Kristen shared it was a lot of fun and we had a great turnout, with about 60-70 kids attending. It was mentioned that it seemed the kids had more of an idea of what to do this year. A big thank you to Ramble Coffee for donating coffee.

PTAC Update - Nikki Hudson

- Nikki attended the last meeting from a board standpoint. She talked about a high school senior that is doing a project on volunteerism and is conducting a survey to find out why people volunteer and what are the barriers to reach people who do not volunteer.
- She also talked about the PTAC scholarship. CHES pta contributes every year to this scholarship that the PTAC gives to a graduating senior with a focus of volunteerism and making an impact in the district.
- Margie Ma, the current president has served 4 years and cannot serve again. In addition, they also need a VP and treasurer. Nikki feels in the past few years this group has grown so much with creating a great collaboration between PTAs across the district. As a result, at a district level we are looking at what should be funded at PTA level versus a district level. Nikki passed around descriptions of each role and discussed that it would be a great opportunity for someone to serve and it gives you a great lens to the entire district.

Spirit Wear Update - Sarah Mullen

- Sarah was excited to share a new company, called the Awesome company, that she would like to try for the spirit wear sale this spring. Krista Steiner introduced Sarah to this local company formed by 3 moms that supports adults that are on the autism spectrum. Sarah thought 2 spirit wear sales per year is enough.
- We will move forward with a Spring sale with this company. It will be a 2 week online sale with a 10 day turnaround time and the items will be distributed at school. Sarah also mentioned that they do a PJ sale before the holidays that would be fun to try.

Book Fair - Heather Scardina

- Heather discussed the book fair which will be February 3rd- 7th; an increase to 5 days for this sale. The theme for the sale is "Wild for Reading." It was noted that the e-wallet was a big success, so they will be doing it again. The kids and parents loved the e-wallet and the sucker pull was a lot of fun! There are a lot of slots left for volunteers to sign up. Set up will be Friday 1/31.
- Martha also asked our thoughts about the wish list the kids bring home. Everyone liked it and thought it was a good way to engage the kids about getting books.

Outdoor Classroom – Lindsay Roop

- Lindsay shared great news about the outdoor learning space. Heather Doherty is responsible for getting us a grant from Columbus Foundation for the amount of \$1,500. We are within \$4,500 of our total goal!
- We have two more fundraisers scheduled. There will be a tag sale at school on Saturday, February 29th. The goal is to engage the entire Columbus community. Heather Scardina and Jessica Goins are taking the lead on this event. They will advertise in newspapers and make Facebook events to get the word out to more people.
- We will also have an online Auction from March 6-16. Other schools do this and make quite a bit of money. Right now we have 25 items and shooting to get up to 50 - 100 items. Goal is to reach a broader surrounding community. There is a committee that is soliciting different businesses. Rebekah has done a great job with getting the auction platform going through Bidding Owl. Many thanks to her for helping.
- They will be meeting with the builder, landscaper and engineer to talk through details with hopes of building this summer. They are also speaking with the school staff in February to get input on how best to use the outdoor learning space. Another goal is to take 3,4,5 graders outside to plant things in the Spring.
- The location of the space was discussed. It will be located in the space to the East of the bridge going to South field. Previous discussions with teachers wanted it to be completely immersed in the ravine. It will be easily seen from both South field and the school. Nikki discussed the importance at the district level of knowing exactly where this was going to be placed, especially with the discussion of rebuilding of the school.

5th Grade Fundraising – Kristen Klopfer

- 5th grade will be selling drinks and desserts at Pastapalooza to raise money for Camp Ohio. Some of the kids have expressed interest in making the baked goods themselves. Sign up genius to supply baked goods and to help sell will be sent out soon.
- We have raised \$2,105 for Camp Ohio so far. We have a potential of two more fundraisers planned. A Columbus Blue Jacket Ticket Raffle auction will be happening in February. We may also have an art auction in the spring with art that the kids will make with Mrs. Liddil. In previous years this was held at Housewine, but may switch to another venue.

Clean the Ravine - Heather Doherty

- Heather shared the date for clean the ravine this year is Saturday, April 18th 8am - noon. We will again coordinate this event through Green Columbus. This helps us get volunteers from around the Columbus area. Heather expressed that the last few years it has not been as well attended possibly because there is a perception that it is not needed as much anymore. We discussed the potential of sport activities could be the reason for a lower attendance. We talked about how the area along the cross country route and that area in the ravine should possibly be a focus this year to try to remove invasive species.
- Sherri brought up it would be great to incorporate the kids during the day at school and have their own “clean the ravine” at school. Heather said that the Ohio environmental grant will tie into it and help make this possible. The plan is to take the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders out to help plant items in the Spring.

Teacher Week Conference Dinner - Emma Lindholm

- Emma was not present, but emailed that the theme will be “School is a PICNIC with teachers like you!” She will create a sign-up genius as we get closer requesting food items to be brought in (picnic foods)!

Plant Sale - Rebekah Kilzer

- Rebekah shared the tentative dates for the plant sale will be 3/20 - 3/30. May 2nd will be pick up date. More information to come.