


PTA News - ZOOM Meeting

January 21, 2021

Members Present: 19

Principal's Report: Corey Hafey

- Welcome back in 2021!
- **School Boundaries** - Many Appleton parents participated in the boundary meetings and these things are on-going. We thought it would be recommended that everything South of I-70 would be moved from Appleton to Pomona. However, it was decided that the boundary will be set at G Road instead. This change will keep some neighborhoods here at Appleton. However there is a little "jog" around 26 Road that will affect some families.
 - Current Number of students: 428 (Last year: 465)
- **White Iced Celebration 2021**
 - D51 Foundation Fundraiser - It is usually at CMU Ballroom, but this year will be virtual. You can get your tickets at www.d51foundation.org!
 - This year, Nancy Benton is a White Iced Education Award winner!! She has worked at Appleton for many years and is an expert in teaching reading. She has LOTS of success with students!
 - PTA puts \$18,000 into the salaries of these supporting ladies! Thank you to PTA for helping pay for this.
- **Teacher Dinner for Conferences** - A BIG Thank You to Hilary Soria for bringing Zoupe to us! This was safe and convenient - Super nice!
 - ** LOTS of teacher comments in the Chat Box about how wonderful this dinner was.
 - **Convenient & Delicious!!
- **Bookfair at Appleton - Sheila Vrooman**
 - Starts next Monday, January 25th -- Runs through February 12th.
 - Parents/visitors won't be able to come in - So Sorry! 

- There is a new E-Wallet available through Scholastic. This is a safe way for children to shop without having to bring cash to school.
- Cash is also accepted at the Bookfair
- Online Bookfair started yesterday, so check it out!
- **Spell-A-Thon Purchases**
 - GaGa Ball Pit - It is super popular and the kids love it!
 - Money for playground balls
 - Disc Golf - We have a nine hole course for students to learn how to play.

Treasurer's Report: John Zeller

- Money is coming in from Community Sponsorships
- PTA is looking great from a financial perspective

Committees:

- **D51 Art Heritage** - Back to in-person again!! **YAY!!!** 😊
 - Betsey DiSanza - Volunteers are back in the school and we are hopeful to keep it going
 - PTA Supports art in two ways - Art Heritage and Artist in Residence with Stephanie Sherman. We really appreciate the financial support for these two programs.
 - Joy Zeller - We also picked up the supplies for the November lesson - Picasso. **Teachers - If you want that lesson taught, please connect with your volunteers to fit that one in also.**
 - Shiela Vrooman - Are we going to switch out the art in the cafeteria?
 - Joy - Yes, that will be changed out next week!
- **Restaurant Nights** - Krisi Gustad
 - \$132 earned at our Get Air Night
 - Pablos Pizza - February 3rd is the tentative date. We will know soon if it needs to be changed.

➤ **Community Connections:** April Fogarty

- **AFW** - \$769 from December
- We will send out another flyer before Presidents Day and hopefully catch anybody shopping the big sales at that time.
- **Amazon Smile** → 38 - 46 customers so far. Not great growth, so maybe a flyer in Tuesday Folders will help. We will also put something on FB.
- **City Market** - We have pushed this one and it is easy to sign up. We usually get about four checks per year.

Corey - All of these come together to make a nice difference!

➤ **Business Partnerships:** Kelli Lange (Joy Zeller spoke)

- This is a challenge, because the businesses aren't getting what we have told them what they would get - bulletin board notices, etc. Signs are being made to put outside that will help promote these businesses. We want to make sure that we are actually supporting these local businesses that are supporting our PTA.
 - If you have any ideas on how to promote these businesses, please let a PTA board member know. Thanks!
- Corey - We hope to have these sign out and visible to parents waiting to pick up their children after school

Other Business, Comments, & Ideas:

- 1) Joy - Kelli asked about this → Is there any way that we might be able to have the Art and Talent Night at the end of the school year?
 - Corey - Probably not going to be available in the format that we've done it in the past
 - The "Big Event" that we might be able to do is Field Day because it would be outside and students would stay in their cohort.

2) Joy - Any other creative things we can do to keep things fun and happening in the school?

- Corey - We will just have to wait and see. Field Day and 5th Grade Graduation Parade might be the only things that we can pull off this year.
- Corey - Right now I wouldn't plan on a "normal" 5th Grade Graduation. I don't know if that type of gathering would be allowed.
- John Zeller - As far as fundraising goes, what about an online silent auction? The kids LOVE the ice cream with Mr. Hafey, lunch with a teacher, etc. This is fun for the kids and a way to raise some money for PTA.
- Corey - We could certainly do something like that. We would need to think of ideas and ways to run it. This might take a committee to start working on it.
- Betsey - Familiar with a virtual silent auction in Denver that went really well.
- Corey - He will contact the D51 Foundation to figure out how they are running theirs and the cost involved.

Corey - We don't want PTA to shrink because of CoVid, so keep talking about us in your social circles. Thank you for all that you do!

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