PTA News March 18, 2021 - ZOOM Meeting

Members Present: 22 people

Principal's Report: Corey Hafey

- CMAS Testing March 31 April 28
 - o There is a bill at the State Level asking for some changes to CMAS.
 - Appleton is excited to do CMAS and we feel like our students will do really well.
 - St. Patrick's Day this week It's been a fun week at school.
 - We have been celebrating Respect & Effort at school!
 - Reading over Spring Break would be really great!

Treasurer's Report: John Zeller

- * Account Balance: \$59,160
- Community Sponsor money is coming in
- Luckily, the Spell-A-Thon put us in a good position to not worry too much about what we should do without the carnival.
- We expect money to continue to come in from City Market, American Furniture, Community Sponsors, etc.
- ❖ The "Miscellaneous" category in the budget is up a bit because of some fun things like the Ga Ga Pit, Disc Golf, etc.

PTA Requests: Presented by Corey Hafey

1) Jill Phillips - Music

- > New headphones for the Piano Lab = \$38.09 each X 30 = \$1142.70
- Corey's Comments → Our students get to have the Piano Lab for about a month every school year. That is six months of piano lessons while students are at Appleton.
 - These are good-quality headphones that have the special adaptors for the pianos

2) Kindergarten

- > Headphones to go with the new Chromebooks for kindergarten 100 headsets = \$683.70
- Corey's Comments → Students are now 1-to-1 with Chromebook YAY!!
 - o If we buy more, they cost less!
 - o Other grade levels may be asking for these in the future

3) Camille Chapman - Computer Lab/Computer Science

- > Computer Science Wish List = \$3,150
- > I-pads to run the robots = \$2,940
- Corey's Comments → We received some Dash Robots, but not enough for all students to do these STEM activities. To use them, each robot is ran with an i-pad.
 - We are trying to get some i-pads through grants also
 - This is an opportunity for Appleton students to get to do more STEM activities
 - Teacher Success Pack Corey wants to pay with this with school funds for this year, so not adding it to the totals above
- > Camille Chapman We are hoping to have students program many times during the school year. This is actual Computer Science Coding!

Jay Zeller \rightarrow Has been in with the kids when they are working with the robots. They are really cool, but it is a bummer because one kid is operating while the other kids are just watching. This computer programming is where our world is heading.

Question: Are we getting 2 six-packs of robots?

Camille - We have 8 now. Getting 4 more from the district. Getting 12 more from PTA would be a full class set.

Joy - Watching the kids operate these robots is super cool. They need the i-pads to do it well. Can't imagine trying to run the robots with a Chromebook.

John Zeller - This is another place where we can Trailblaze!! How cool for our students to do this one-on-one computer programming. Our kids will really benefit from it. This is a fun activity while they are learning at the same time.

Corey - Having the GaGa Pit and it being so popular is a way for kids to realize that their hard work on the Spell-A-Thon really pays off. This would be another way for students to realize this.

Corey - If we were going to make a BIG purchase this year, this would be it!

John Zeller - Motion to approve these motions put before us. The robots can be purchased using Technology allocated funds.

- > Move to approve all three motions
- > Kim Dolan Second the motion



Joy & Corey - Let's go back and look at each one separately

John - Make a motion to purchase the robots using the technology funds that we currently have - \$1,800, and then additional money from PTA for the remaining balance.

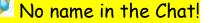
- April Fogarty Second the motion
- > All Approve!

Camille Chapman - Thank You ALL!!!!!! (From the "Chat!)

Next Motion - From Jill Phillips

- > Music gets \$800 and has spent \$370 + some so far. They might have about \$300 left for this year
- > Corey We could ask Jill to use what she has left and then PTA could pay the rest OR PTA could pay this entire amount and she could keep what she has left for other things.

- > Marina Lancheros Didn't PTA give music a line item budget to cover for the fundraiser that she used to do?
 - o Corey Correct! \$1,000 to replace what she used to make at the music-specific fundraisers
- > Sheila Vrooman Motion to pay the full amount on its own \$1142
- > John Zeller Are these good quality headphones? Could we spend a bit more to get better ones?
- > Corey They are better quality than what we have now. We've had these five years, so hopefully the new ones would last at least that long.
- > ??? An i-phone seconded the motion No name in the Chat!



> All Approve!

Next Motion - Kindergarten headphones

- > Corey's thought Grade levels haven't been spending their money. Can we figure out what the real need is here and then move forward?
- > Sheila Agree Table it for now, talk to teachers, and figure out what to do.
- > Corey We need to get more information here!
 - Let me do some research on this!
- > Joy That's a good idea. There is a big difference between \$6 headsets and \$30 headsets. Maybe we could find something in-between.
- > Corey will get back to PTA at the next meeting

Restaurant Nights -

- > Smokin' Oak April 6 & 7
 - Two days instead of one!
 - Mary is looking into getting a delivery for staff that would like to order lunch one of those days.
- > Main Street Café in May

Committee Updates -

April Fogarty - February Amazon Smile total = \$84.15



Joy Zeller - Summer Learning Program

> We will have an update at the next meeting

Other Ideas or Comments???

Sheila Vrooman - Want to say "Thank You" to PTA again for the new furniture!

Corey - PTA does so much for this school!! We aren't a Title I school that receives additional government funding. Our PTA helps so much!

Hilary Soria - Teacher Appreciation coming up on Tuesday, May 4th

> If you want to help out, please let Hilary know!

Corey - Thank you for taking care of our Staff!

Thank you Appleton PIA – You are AMAZING!
GOOOOOO Bookworms!