

PTA News

March 18, 2021 - ZOOM Meeting

Members Present: 22 people

Principal's Report: Corey Hafey

❖ CMAS Testing - March 31 - April 28

- 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!!
 - If we buy more, they cost less!
 - 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 → 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?
 - 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 PTA - You are AMAZING!
GOOOOOOOO Bookworms!