

Fieldstone Elementary PTO Meeting Notes



General Monthly Meeting
Monday, March 11th, 2024 at 6:30PM
Fieldstone Elementary School, East Commons

Principal's Report

Jeanette Aanerud

- Heard great things about the dance. Thanked the PTO for the hard work to put together.
- Group confirmed high attendance for the dance
- Need to decide on Book Bingo date. April 26th – Krista confirmed that 3 PTO members can attend, so we can move forward with that date.
- MCA testing is coming up in April (last two weeks). Request was approved by PTO to do snacks. Estimated \$500 for that expense.
- Fun in the Sun is also coming up. Ice cream treat is estimated to be \$300 and that is also approved by the PTO. Jeanette will order ice cream through food service
- Jeanette will confirm how many water bottles we ordered for Book Bingo last time (250?) and she can order those
- Jeanette reminding us there are freezies in freezer in teacher's lounge. Jeanette is OK advertising that freezies are available for teachers and they can help themselves.
- Big Foot Little Foot was very fun. Parents at meeting agreed it was a lot of fun. Some struggle managing Battle of the Books on top of Big Foot Little Foot. Jeanette will research window of time – could we adjust window? Remove some books to have smaller list? She will get back to us
- Jeanette will get next year's request for funds by May meeting
- First grade concert is April 8th (last one for the year)
- Spring break is the last week of March

Teacher Reports

- No updates

Fundraising & Special Event Notes

- We raised \$650 from Jersey Mike's
- Malmborgs fundraiser is coming up in May. Jeanette advised she has the flyer ready for that and can advertise in April newsletter. Jeanette confirmed that she can put the flyers in the mailboxes
- School Dance went very well. Some feedback for next time from parents at meeting, hearing from other parents, etc...
 - Another teacher recommended that a \$5 donation per family would be very reasonable and would be another way to raise money (especially if we advertise that there will be a DJ)
 - Have more than one concession line
 - Advertise what will be at the dance. Parent advised child didn't know what to expect. Advertising what will be there (like a DJ) may encourage more kids to want to come?
 - Consider getting pizza orders/payment ahead of time so we know how much pizza to order
 - Consider sectioning off the gym to allow kids to play basketball on the other side or have other activities
 - Get a better variety of songs. Some boys mentioned the song Barbie Girl getting played twice

- Note for DJ next time: do not hand out suckers. We found sucker garbage in the gym
- Overall, everyone was very happy with the dance. One of the parents advised it was a really great community event and also a great way to meet the parents of some of her child's school friends.
- Group agreed it would be great to have more events like this (ex. movie night). Another idea is doing a drive-in movie outside. Families could bring chairs. We could potentially rent a screen? We could get catering like Hen and the Hog.
- The group will work on creating checklists for events (ex. Family Book Bingo, Dances, Pops in the Park, etc...) so that, when we have events, we know everything that has to be done and can delegate in advance. Group agreed we learned a lot with these most recent events, so next events will be even better
- MN Timberwolves is coming up soon (Sunday before Spring Break). We will promote now that the dance is over. There were 23 tickets sold the last time we checked, but that was several weeks ago. Krista advised the link should work until tickets are sold. We should check link and make sure it's active. Jeanette confirmed she can send out reminder again and promote. We only get a few dollars per ticket sale, but it's still a fundraiser and it's a fun event for the kids

Yearbook

- Alison advised there are 48 total pages and many pages are already done. All individual class portraits have been added to the pages. We have sold 438 yearbooks as of this morning. Alison will continue to work on getting pictures uploaded.
- Alison will send a reminder email to teachers sometime this week reminding them to provide classroom photos
- Jeanette and PTO will work on getting a list of new students since beginning of year so we can try to see if Zahler will take pics now to add them to the yearbook. Jeanette will let us know.
- Alison will breakdown orders by teacher
- Group will try and advertise spring pictures before Thursday

Funding Requests

- We asked staff members to have all budgeted/approved items purchased by Spring Break. Jeanette advised there shouldn't be much else. 3rd grade just had their The Works field trip today and 4th grade has Storyworks coming up. 4th grade still needs to purchase MTSS resources, but otherwise, we should be close to being done with those orders

Staff Appreciation

- I Love to Read Month book ordering went way better this year.
- Staff Appreciation event coming up. Dunn Bro will do 50% donation on whatever we order. Friday before spring break or Monday after? Group decided after Spring Break when teachers come back. They have options like coffee, tea, decaf, etc.... They have 2 ½ and 5 gallon containers, feeding 30-60 people. Mary will check on cold brew option. We can get 8 assorted muffins and 5 pastries for \$21 after discount (\$42 normally). Total would be about \$375.
- What's The Scoop – Krista will check on date and get back to Mary
- Tea Bombs – Krista will contact person who makes them and get scheduled. Could do a mix of pre-made or kits. Kits are nice because they can grab and go and make themselves
- Taco Bar is potentially on the list. We could do Chipotle or Pancheros and get catered. We could have parents do Sign Up Genius where we provide the meat and parents provide other things. Keli advised she has notes from last taco bar regarding quantities of what was ordered and what was leftover, so she can send if needed. Mary advised will look into pricing and options.