

PTA General Membership Meeting Wednesday, November 16, 2022

i. Call to Order 7:02pm

ii. President's Report (Kim; Given by Kate) What the PTA has done so far: ICS, back to school teacher meal, Reflections, spirit wear, STEAM Night, Fun Run, popcorn, LMC Aides, bulletin board, front planters, fall parties, Veterans Day, fall grants, and Dine & Donate. Things the PTA has done to assist the teachers: book fair, 4th & 5th grade field day, supply kits, picture day, and vision & screening. Things the PTA has coming up soon: teacher meal, holiday shop, and winter parties.

iii. Vice President's Report (Kate) Grants requests were reviewed by PTA and school administration. Attached are the ones that the PTA is recommending. Total comes out to \$3000. Fall Grants approved (motion-Bridget, 2nd-Amol)

iv. Treasure's Report (Komal) Approx. \$32K balance in account. Fun Run was a big success (\$9.5K). Memberships added during STEAM night with \$5 fee for non-members. Some of our expenses were track and field, ICS, and fall parties.

2021-22 Audit is completed. Everything looks great, and taxes were filed on time.

v. Membership (Amol) PTA currently has 157 members. Last year at this time we had 185. 25 new members at STEAM Night. Fun Run should consider charging a higher price for non-members. Amol will follow up with people that checked "interested in PTA" on school registrations.

vi. Secretary's Report (Landon) Minutes are accepted as is.

vii. Principal's Report (Brian LeCrone/Amy Schultz) Kudos to PTA for creating a spirit of community at events. Class sizes – District is aware that we are concerned with class sizes. K-2 issue was addressed and is low and next year will look at upper grades. 5th grade has an Enrollment Aide now because of large class sizes. They don't want to split kids now because they already have a classroom community and it wouldn't be fair. The EA will be split between the classes, and the teachers will determine how they utilize. Classes get an EA when they have over 31 per class. We have a very transient population, but unfortunately, we are seeing way more kids coming in than out. #1 Covid impact on kids they are seeing is in school readiness. Really had to slow down the pace to get kids ready to be in a place where they could learn. Safety is a main focus at May Watts. Not only the structure being safe, but also the students feeling safe (SEL piece). SEL is

important for students now, but also to prevent shooters in the future. Teachers and staff have been through lots of training. 3 Teams set up: Threat Assessment, Crisis, and Emergency Operations. Brian and Amy have had additional CSTAG Training. School uses a color card system to communicate with staff using a common language. MW is on schedule to complete all training drills for fire, tornado, and AI with Police and without. Big push for door security. Doors need to be shut and locked. An intruder has never gotten in through a locked door. Students have been trained in what to do in all emergency situations.

viii. Chair Reports

a. Fundraising (Bridget & Kate) Amazon Smile – check just came in. Nothing Bundt Cakes – Fundraiser will be in February. Portillo's D&D – waiting on the check to come in. Apparel – Should be coming soon after Thanksgiving. Fun Run – Spectacular event. Received good feedback and some good suggestions for next year. Hope to continue it as an annual event. Minted – Christmas/holiday cards 20% goes to PTA. Flyer will go out soon.

b. Social (Lisa & Kim)

c. Educational Enrichment (My Truong & Stephanie Warner) STEAM Night was a huge success. ASE – Working on enrolling teachers. After break, we will roll out to parents too. Multicultural Night – Planning has started. Komal will be leading a fashion show. Please contact My if you have any interest in participating in any way or helping. Science Fair – This will be held in March and is being run by Krystle! Reflections – We had 20 applicants. 5 or 6 were sent to the district. Voting at District is in December. We will know then if any of our students move on. Kinderpress – will be happening this spring.

d. School Morale (Kelly)

e. Service (Tara)

ix. IPPC Report (Bridget) Mark Rising (from the school board) spoke and rolled out a multi-year strategic plan for the district. The district has a 95% retention rate for district staff. Grow your Own Program – High School students interested in the field of education are nurtured in the program and come back to teach in 204. Building Study will be completed at some point to walk through and give suggestions for improvements. School Calendar – Diwali might be given off in coming years. Winter Wishes – Gift Cards are collected for families in the district that are struggling, homeless, living in motels, etc. to empower parents to buy for their families. 204 has 75 homeless families. Giftmart – accepting toy donations. Patents get to “shop” and money goes back to helping the school.

x. PDAC Report (Megan)

xi. PDAC ADAPT (Jessica)

xii. IPPA Report (Joe) October Meeting – December meeting will be on zoom with an admin for Q&A. District hired someone to oversee PA curriculum and make it consistent and standardized.

xiii. Guest Speaker Ron Wilke, Coordinator of Safety, Security, and Emergency Preparedness- Ron gave a detailed safety presentation followed by a lengthy Q&A session with parents and staff in attendance.

xiv. Meeting Adjourned 9:10pm