

CA Frost Elementary PTA meeting November 13, 2017 minutes

Michelle: Called meeting to order. We have an ongoing Christmas tree and wreath fundraiser with Vormittag Tree Farm. Flyers are available to bring to the farm, and CA Frost will receive \$5 per purchased tree.

Janna: We have 177 PTA members, 29 of whom are staff.

Joan: We are \$150 behind last year for PTA dues. There was a typo on the mixed bags fundraiser line on our budget spreadsheet, currently we are at \$3200. The fundraiser is still ongoing. We are also behind on our estimation for Kickstarter.

Mr. Ramey: Thanks to all who volunteered Saturday at Nature Night. It is nice to see some teachers here tonight-thank you for coming. Count day was the highest we've had with 452 students and 48 preschool students bringing our total to 500 students. We are at capacity. The high school currently has 320 students. On professional development day we had staff train with Mr. Petersen and Ms. Bowman.

Stephanie: I thought Nature Night went well-we raised close to \$3000. The food truck companies would be open to being involved in future events. The vendors didn't do as well as last year, but most would participate again. Adult E-Lab will be on January 27th from 4-9pm. The carnival will take place in February and the pancake breakfast will be in March.

Michelle: Josie was unable to be here tonight, so I will give you her updates. The giving tree will be up and running on November 17th. Tags will be available for those who choose to give. All items on the tags are for families at our school. The last day to bring in an item will be on December 14th. Last year we had 200 tags available. There is a pie social next Tuesday November 21st from 4-6pm. Volunteers are needed.

We've done some work on making changes to our bylaws. They are as follows-Dues will go up to \$10.00 from \$7.50. The number of Vice President positions is now back to 1 from 2 as the Middle School/High School has their own Vice President. All officers shall assume duties on June 1st. Amanda Carriere motioned to pass the new bylaws, Carla Finn 2nd-ed. All 21 members present in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Audit Report Form was presented- Joan Day motioned to approve the form, Carla Finn 2nd-ed, all present in favor, none opposed.

Joan: Last month \$500 was approved for the robotics club. \$166 additional funds were raised at Nature Night from a bake sale. The PBIS program is mandated by the district, but they are unable to provide funding this year. We would like to propose using \$200 to help fund this month's celebration, which will include Frosting Christmas cookies, providing hot chocolate, watching Polar Express, and wearing PJ's to class. Also, Mr. Petersen is looking for financial assistance for bussing the 5th graders to their camping trip. \$631 is the price they were quoted for transportation, although this number may be higher. The trip is in January.

Corinne: Maybe we should motion for \$400 for now while we look into different options for transportation.

Ruth VanWalsum motioned to provide \$200 for this month's PBIS celebration, Amanda Carriere 2nd-ed. All present in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Kyle Bailey motioned to provide \$400 for transportation for the 5th grade camping trip, Amber Scanlon 2nd-ed. All present in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Janna: I will be speaking on behalf of the safety group. There are now 90 members in the facebook group. Critical issues we are examining are supervision during lunch and recess. There was a meeting on November 3rd when the heads of the safety group discussed safety issues. There was a meeting on November 10th with Mr. Gorman and Mr. Ramey. There will now be 1 GRPS staff member in the lunchroom and 1 GRPS staff member monitoring recess. A formal staff training will take place on November 20th. This group is also on memberhub- feel free to request more information from Eric Brenner via a message on facebook or email. The next general safety meeting is TBD but will most likely be in the beginning on December.

Mr. Ramey: It's been great working together with the safety group, I'm thankful that Mr. Gorman was able to secure funding for additional GRPS staff during lunch and recess. Some good questions have been raised with the district and I am looking forward to continuing to work with the safety group in the future.

Sam: Today I posted on Facebook and Memberhub the schedule of which classes will shop when for Holiday House. We are preparing parent letters and envelopes to come home. There's nothing on the envelope for opting out or donating, so I will be putting stickers on each envelope to provide this option. I did a survey on surveymonkey and found that 88% of families who took the survey will be participating in Holiday House. Some may need extra help for shopping. The PTA will donate monies for kids to shop who want to but are unable to afford to. The average is 5-10 people each child will be shopping for. We are thinking of limiting the number of gifts to 2 per person on gift list. I am currently getting set up with the app for the products. We need volunteers for shopping and wrapping. The company providing the products will provide the gift bags. I didn't assign any classes to shop on Friday in case we need that day for those who were unable to make it earlier in the week.

Michelle: We are working to grow family wide participation at the school, and also decision making. These topics will be our focus for becoming a School of Excellence. If interested in being on the excellence team, let Michelle know. We can start moving ahead in improving. We had 108 responses with the School of Excellence survey. The link was shared on memberhub and facebook and we also emailed staff.

Carla Finn moved to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned.