

CA Frost Elementary PTA Meeting Oct 9, 2017

Michelle: There will be a visitor coming Friday, Oct. 13th to speak about bullying, she will speak to K-2nd at 10am and 3-5th at 10:45am.

Joan: Showed us the budget spreadsheet, said amount in savings is actually \$7255.10, not \$4255.10 as shown.

Jana: We have 116 active PTA members, 20 of whom are staff. We are running a contest for the most people signed up in individual classes, and also holding a raffle for a movie basket for all who've signed up for memberships. The winner will be announced at the upcoming movie night at school.

Stephanie: Movie night is coming up-students voted on 3 movies to determine which movie will be shown October 27th in the gym from 6-8pm. Wall-E was the winner. In November, Nature Night will be on the 11th from 3-6. We will have a craft sale, food trucks, a silent auction and nature activities. Mandy is looking for ideas and volunteers for the activities, and Ruth will be running the silent auction and could use volunteers also. We will have volunteer sign-ups on memberhub shortly.

Josie: The giving tree will be going up in November ideally around Nature Night. She is working with Ms. Eddy on that-there will be tags put on the tree with families in need in our community. They could use help with creating the tags. The food drive will be coming in May-an idea is going around for a Thanksgiving meal to be held at the school. If there are any needs or a crisis going on with Frost families, the Sunshine Club tries to assist.

Michelle on behalf of Ms. Phillips: Ms. Phillips couldn't be here tonight, here are her updates-Picture retakes will be October 10th with a rain date of October 12th. Thanks to the PTA for a great time at the dance-also, the teacher raffle was a lot of fun. Parent teacher conferences will be held October 19th and October 24th with the book fair in the library the same nights as the conferences. The 3rd grade reading law will be going into effect. Ms. Mosqueda and Ms. Finn went to a conference on this-they will pass more info along to the rest of the staff. Students will need to be within a year of the level of grade they are in beginning in 3rd grade. Parents will receive packets at their conferences if their kids are below 60% of where they should be. CA Frost received a building healthy communities grant that provides a cart with playground equipment to be rolled out during recess. This is through Wayne State University. The school will have a healthy tip of the day read by 3rd-5th grade students. Another idea is to have student leadership teams to make the school environment healthier.

Michelle: We have to update bylaws for the PTA this year. Ms. Mosqueda and Laura Bailey volunteered to help with this.

Aric: We'd like to introduce the CA Frost safety group. We held an informal meeting already where 18 people showed up. We are about improving safety and being a sounding board for ideas, assisting parents bringing issues to the staff. We are not about pointing fingers, negativity, or parents running safety. We did a survey on survey monkey-19 people had no safety issues, but 15 people had one, two, or more than two safety issues. At the first meeting concerns were drop off, pick-ups, morning recess, and lunch. Drop-off was the #1 concern, pick-ups the #2 concern, and Lunch and Recess the #3 concern. Another meeting will take place Friday, October 13th before pick up at 3:30. All are welcome to join the safety group.

Michelle: The PTA has purchased signs to go along the road with times people should not be parking in that area for pick up and drop off.

Sam: For Holiday House we are going with a new company, Fun Services, Inc. They will bring the items in, we set it up, they have an app for products sold and can bring in more inventory as needed throughout the week. Not everything will be a flat dollar this year. I was able to look at their products, they had a lot of cute items. They will also supply posters, gift bags, and flyers. Everything will be delivered on December 1st. Everything is on consignment, cash will be collected. We still need volunteers. Signups will be put on memberhub.

Michelle: Leftover items we have from past years Holiday House, perhaps we could use for Big Bag Bingo. We are going to go for becoming a "School of Excellence". To make this happen, a survey will be sent to all families to find out the baseline to where we are at, and through the month of May, we will try and implement plans for improvement. In May, another survey will be sent out, and based on improvements made, we may be accepted as a School of Excellence. If interested in being on the excellence team, contact Michelle. Also, the PTA should have a voice and be at the table for discussions on school improvements.

Corinne: I'm in charge of filling volunteer needs-the list of positions that need to be filled are; Hall Decorations, Big Bag Bingo (a one time event in the winter), Concert Assistant for Ms. Wilson, Managing the Uniform Closet, and we need two people for Pancake Breakfast-a free Saturday event on March 24th with a donation bucket.

Joan: We need motions to pass the budget. Amanda Carrier filed motion to pass budget, Ms. Finn 2nd-ed. All present in favor.

Ms. Mosqueda: Trunk-or-Treating this year will be in the parking lot and around the playground and school grounds due to safety concerns. You must have a volunteer badge to pass out candy. We are anticipating needing 500 pieces of candy to cover the entire school.

Michelle: Meeting adjourned.