

March PTO Meeting (03.24.22)

Attendees: Ashley Bloomer, Sarah Brown, Nicky Fonger, Jill and Erik Ferguson, Rhonda Vesey, Karly and Michael Grifasi, Beth and Rob Myers, Erin Murphy, Breanne McDonnell, April Beier, Alex Waldauer, Lesley Porcelli, Ashley and Lee Kennard, Luberta Crouch, William Wright, Brenda and Michael Provost, Jess Lindgren, Christina Deitz, Brian Jacobson, Katie McDonald, Kari Zhe-Heimerman

Correction to February minutes

- lesleyporcelli@gmail.com is collecting photos for yearbook-if you have any please email them to her (previous version gave incorrect email)
- February Minutes approved pending correction

Mr. Wright

- 8th graders are having a physical graduation this year-want to plan a dance, also planning an 8th grade field trip, possibly to SeaBreeze. Hoping if this goes through that PTO will help with funding a second bus.
- Book Club is happening every Thursday 6pm for students in grade 5-8, *When Stars are Scattered*, Author will be attending virtually on May 26 to give a presentation.

President's Report

- Thank you to Ashley Kennard-put together welcome bags for new Ed Smith students that arrive throughout the year.
- Thank you to all who donated boots or helped fund them!
- Thank you Nicky for reaching out to Target, who donated a gift card that we can use in the future for outreach projects such as boots and clothing.
- Sees Candy Fundraiser--so far we have over \$300 in profit
- Chipotle fundraiser--will fund our book giveaways, Tuesday April 5th 4-8pm
- Data Share (Virtual) April 5th--will share student progress for their NWEA testing

Teacher Requests

- Ms. Corcoran, \$80 for Early Reading Intervention materials for her classroom-approved
- Ms. McDonnell, \$50 for clothing rack for coats/snow pants-approved
- Ms. Abel, Ms. Bisset, Ms. Frontale, Ms. Marjii, \$173.88 for Special Ed materials--approved
- Ms. Frasier, \$40 for motivational stickers-approved
- Ms. Rodak and Ms. McShane, have \$1800 in PBIS money that must be spent by April 8. Requesting \$1953 in order to buy Ed Smith t-shirts for every student in the building so that students unable to purchase gear do not feel left out-approved.

Could Ed Smith possibly get funding to have the playground renovated?

- SCSD budget gets approved on 4/27
- Go to <https://scsd.abalancingact.com/scsd-proposed-budget-2022-23> and look at the budget funding, can give feedback and make comments about having an aging playground and wanting money for outdoor renovation. Will send out in listserv.

Carnival

- looking at May 20th for the date

- All Chairs have been filled-yay! Beth and Rob Myers are Carnival Chair and Co-Chair
- Nicky Fonger and Jess Lindgren are Carnival Volunteer Co-Chairs/Karly Grifasi-Production Manager/Erin Murphy-Community Coordinator Chair/Erika Hegland-Games Chair/Kate Saufley-Middle School Chair/Erik Ferguson-Fundraising Chair/Colin Beier-Food Chair
- We will need lots of volunteers
- If interested in helping please contact Beth Myers at beth.ann.myers@gmail.com
- Look for further announcements on Listserv

8th Grade Graduation/End-of-Year Events

- Will be looking at funding for an end of year graduation, dance, bussing
- Request that next HoneyComb fundraiser use profits to specifically help 8th grade funding
- Other events: Skating Party, Field Day

Middle School Musical

- Shrek Jr. May 12 and 13, it is free, family-friendly
- Want to provide pizza for Middle School Musical After-Party
- If anyone wants to help out with fundraising or volunteering with 8th grade events or Musical contact kari.zheheimerman@gmail.com
- Request that PTO donate all money from concessions sold at the musical to go to funding 8th grade
- Will try selling 50/50 tickets at the Musical-purchase tickets, if your ticket wins, you get 50% of the money (usually the winner turns around and donate it back)

Superintendent's Parent Council

- Continued bussing issues, in tentative discussions about Ed Smith hours possibly being 8:30-3 next year

Yearbook

- No extra yearbooks being ordered, will have to be preordered
- Deadline for paper orders are April 8, online deadline is April 11
- No sales after these dates
- All 8th graders will be receiving a free yearbook, if any 8th graders already ordered you can reach out to sarahkfbrown@gmail.com to get refunded

Questions/Discussion

- Ashley Kennard drafted a letter to Syracuse Parks and Rec from PTO with specific requests for Barry Park including a pavilion and updated playground.
- Several PTO members have drafted a letter advocating for some safety changes at the crosswalk intersections of Lancaster Ave. and Broad-hoping to get more signatures.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm. Next PTO meeting will be April 21st 7pm.

Minutes submitted by Ashley Bloomer