

PTF Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2015

In Attendance: Ann Thrasher, Sheli Rice, Becky Libby, Jessica Morrison, Joy Schulz, Jen Floyd, Roy Smith, Daniel and Arlene Roman, Alyssa Dennis, Tara Martin, Karen Baardson, Catherine Rafteseth, Eileen Guyon, Joya Kinney

General Discussion:

1. Do we want future PTF meetings to include guest speakers?

Some have worked well: Cyber security and meetings where certain classes perform. Once a month is all we can ask parents to attend. Walkathon meeting is its own month, Christmas program, back to school picnic, curriculum night, etc. What is already in the annual calendar?

Becky Libby: What is the mission of our PTF? That will help define meetings. Is it, fundraising or a focus on students, staff, or parents? Do we need a meeting to deliver information, or can it be done in an email?

Daniel Roman: all of it!

Plan is to provide a family fun night every month, along with a student specific activity at school. We may need larger budget. People will start coming to meetings when they see what PTF is doing, but parents must know it's a PTF-sponsored function (advertise PTF.)

2. Family fun ideas:

October 19: skating night (6-8 pm). 50 kids or more, and we are paid for the visit.

October 15: Vala's Pumpkin Patch. \$1 per person off with flier. Joya will check on reserving a fire pit.

November, 13: movie night at middle school or TLC? (Daniel has equipment). Double feature: Elementary movie, then Middle School/High School.

Penny wars during school hours in November. Fundraiser for PTF. Pizza party at lunch for class prize?

December: two concerts and Facebook contest (family ugly sweater contest). Use contest to connect with alumni. Jessica will talk to Mr. Hood about alumni. List of books for Harders at Christmas concert book fair. Ask Paula: is she planning a Christmas and spring concert book fair? Ann Thrasher suggested a Barnes and Noble book fair for high school students, instead of Scholastic books.

January: skating night and student T-shirt design contest for walkathon.

February: city scavenger hunt in Bellevue and Valentine's candy grams at elementary school.

March: bowling and student popsicle day

April: bike day and pie the teacher (3 volunteers at each contest)

May: honorary zoo day and pass the rose ceremony at Middle school/high school

3. PTF Volunteers and Events

Annual budget: \$2070 (\$10 per family). Teacher appreciation luncheon takes biggest amount.

131 families out of 207 have signed up on Volgistics. Do we need people at conferences to help with sign ups? Fliers with family fun dates. Run dates by Mrs. Schrag.

Sheli will look at calendar and meeting dates and whether there is time for a PTF meeting with a speaker. Suggestions: ACT prep, college savings plan, cyber security (common sense media; plugged in, etc.)

Amy Kieser and Alyssa Dennis to check on ACT prep information.

Use family nights for brief PTF announcements

Thanksgiving Meal: 2 coordinators for Middle School/HS. Still need 2 coordinators for elementary. Elissa Vilter can consult. She will still do Teacher and Pastor Appreciation events.

Lunch/recess duty: School office wants to coordinate all volunteers (maybe Volgistics later?)

Mrs. Binko is our elementary teacher liaison.

Alyssa Dennis: ask teachers what they want for appreciation lunches, etc.

Make minutes available for parents and teachers. (Bullet points for teachers)

Give Mr. Hood minutes for archive on website and bullet points for teachers.

4. PTF Finances

We still need a treasurer.

How do we request funds? Bring to group for vote.

Becky on Boxtops: huge volunteer team but need a prize. At last school made \$8,000 in one year. Two turn in dates per year. She can order 500 Cornerstone bracelets that fit toddlers, kids and adults for \$250. Students can earn bracelets while trying to earn something big.

Does PTF get to keep the money we raise?

5. Vote

Alyssa: Motion to spend 250 for boxtops. Eileen seconded motion.

Ayes: prevailed. Nays: none

6. Next Meeting: Monday, November 2, 7 pm. Famous Daves.