

PTP Minutes – April 2014
5/20/14

President Heather Azeltine brought the meeting to order and introductions were made. 9 parents and faculty were at the meeting.

Welcome/Introductions (Heather Azeltine):

Treasurer's Report (Cinda Lohmann):

- The spring Chip Shoppe test raised \$11,529, providing \$4904 for the school.
- After revenue and expenses for this year posted, we have a balance of \$11,118.
- Spirit Wear order for next school year: \$5,000 allocated
 - People would like to see different things throughout the year so that they can see fresh items and have a reason to check out the area more often
 - Suggestion: have different items roll out around holiday time for orders, and then stock it
- Other items suggested to use this years' available funds for:
 - Kim Grengs - Furniture for the pod areas to make better use of the space and to support collaboration - \$3698 per pod x 3 pods = \$11,094
 - Motion to approve: ^{1st} – Jen Cole, ^{2nd} – Teresa Gibbs
 - Unanimous approval
 - Heather Azeltine - Serving items to be used for PTP sponsored meal events (crock pots, serving spoons, roaster, etc.) - \$200
 - Motion to approve: ^{1st} – Teresa Gibbs, ^{2nd} – Stef Carlson
 - Unanimous approval
 - Will request from parents donations of used items first before purchasing
 - Note: This motion was approved at the meeting, but once the final review of the financials was completed it was removed.
 - Heather Azeltine - Mobile carts for games and activities for indoor recess - \$600
 - Motion to approve: ^{1st} – Tani Helgemoe, ^{2nd} – Teresa Gibbs
 - Unanimous approval
 - Will request games and activities to be donated from parents to help stock the carts too
 - Note: This motion was approved at the meeting, but once the final review of the financials was completed it was removed.

Principal Report/Discussion Topics (Kim Grengs):

- Reviewed furniture options for the pod areas and showed samples of what the items would look like
- Outdoor Learning Area:
 - Shared article that was in the newspaper regarding creation of the space and the two Specialists who will use the area next year
 - Kids have been enjoying it so far
 - Jim Koles from Distinctive Landscapes was just amazing to work with!
- Open House for new families last week
 - Over 50 people attended
 - Five students gave tours and several teachers were present to assist as well
- Koo Koo Kanga Roo will be here May 29th
- Two specialists added for next year:
 - Engineering – Chris Caduff
 - iNature – Cinda Current
 - All students will work with them
 - They will use Science standards and the Outdoor Learning Area
- Thank You to everyone who is on the PTP Board and Event Chairs. She provided a gift of the book 'The World According to Mister Rogers' with a treat bag and a special Thank You note.
- Staffing: must hire 5th grade teacher, multi-age teacher, and possibly a 4th grade teacher
 - Will not be able to provide teacher assignments until the middle of August
 - Will have 5 Kindergarten teachers and possibly one more due to the all-day classes beginning in the fall
- Renzulli Learning-Campus Learning software for the iPads
 - \$7,500 for the full year of curriculum
 - Provides individualized instruction per the curriculum that teachers request

- Would apply to all students
- More to come at a PTP meeting in the fall

Funding Requests (Heather Azeltine):

- All of these requests will impact next year's budget, not the current year
- Beth Schneider – all K students - Ants program through Children's Museum in-house field trip - \$925
 - Motion to approve: ^{1st} – Jen Cole, ^{2nd} – Stef Carlson
 - Unanimous approval
- Beth Schneider – all K students - Arboretum Sunflower Supreme - \$700
 - Motion to approve: ^{1st} – Jen Cole, ^{2nd} – Stef Carlson
 - Unanimous approval
- Beth Schneider – all K students - Mad Science Five Senses - \$840
 - Motion to approve: ^{1st} – Jen Cole, ^{2nd} – Stef Carlson
 - Unanimous approval
- Mrs. Lindell-Woody – 4th grade - Dulcimer building project – \$800
 - Motion to approve: ^{1st} – Cinda Lohmann, ^{2nd} – Tani Helgemoe
 - Unanimous approval
- Mrs. Lindell-Woody – 5th grade - African Drumming Residency – \$1950
 - Motion to approve: ^{1st} – Cinda Lohmann, ^{2nd} – Tani Helgemoe
 - Unanimous approval
- Mrs. Lindell-Woody – all grades - Folk Dancing (Dancing Sue) – \$2550
 - Motion to approve: ^{1st} – Cinda Lohmann, ^{2nd} – Tani Helgemoe
 - Unanimous approval

Elections:

- Open positions for 2014/15:
 - Vice President: Tani Helgemoe
 - Heather nominated, no one opposed
 - Culver's Coordinator: Gretchen Huber-Schommer
 - Parents in Education (P.I.E.) Coordinator: **still open**
 - Stefanie Carlson will lead September

Staff Appreciation Committee Report (Heather Azeltine):

- It went very well and the teachers were appreciative of it.
- There were many volunteers to help during the week.

Other Topics (Heather Azeltine):

- Idea: next year Culver's funds will be moved to the teacher's general funds once received so that they have one place to go for their available funds.
- Next year track all income from Culver's, Box Tops, Target, etc. just for awareness to the parents.
- Reviewed list of 2013-2014 PTP Sponsored events and activities. Heather will send communication out to all of the parents so there is awareness as to where the funds for items come from.
- Online school supply ordering – changing to another company for 2014-2015 school year (Staples affiliate)
 - 2014-2015 school year will be cheaper than kits were for 2013-2014
 - Most products are name brand products that the teachers prefer
 - To be delivered to school the week of assessments and to be distributed to students/classes at Open House

Questions/Comments:

- There were not any questions/comments from the parents or staff.

This was the last PTP meeting for this school year. See you next year! Enjoy the summer break.

Attachment:

PTP Financial Recap for 2013-2014 School Year