

PTA meeting minutes 2019-12-02 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM DTS Library

DTS Library (Carrie Marshburn-Fleming)

- Overview of student participation
 - Every class comes once a week
 - 5 – 6 year-olds can check-out one book; 7 and older can check-out a couple books, more if they are doing research
 - One week to keep before return or re-check
 - Kids really want scary books!
 - Barnes & Noble is a great fundraiser have gotten a lot of books in the past which allows to get requested books or to replace worn out books
 - § get the books for 20 % off and tax-free
 - § can also use code on-line within the following week too.
 - Remind parents with a flyer? Print off for book bags?
 - Other partners/money:
 - § Downtown Rotary – Non-fiction books
 - § District money is curriculum focused

Treasurer (Abby Darrington & Paulina Erdman)

- Still in a good position
- Scholastic book fair was good
- Original works will net \$600 - \$1000
- New magnets were ordered
- \$10 k teacher donations usually ear-marked from auction – waiting to see Mr. Burnett's

Proposal Background: When activity fund has a short-fall we try to meet \$2000 and make up with miscellaneous funds

Proposed: Allocate \$450 of miscellaneous funds to cover activity fee short-fall.

Tyler Kamerman proposed, Amber Johnson seconded, unanimous approval - **Motion passes**

Proposal: Need from Nurse Beth for wipes/ paper towels / band-aids and several types of clothes and underwear

Proposed: Allocate \$300 of funds for these purposes.

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Parent Volunteer Coordinators (Deena Munroe & Amber Johnson)

- Gift wrapping station on Saturday – 3-4 and 4-5 slot still open/have one person for two people allotted
- Social hour – Café expenses also count! Good opportunity to meet other parents!
- Wondering if the PTA should contact parents more directly
 - More direct communication vs. PVCs?
 - Communications include Adopt-A-Teacher, meals for conferences
 - Texting a possibility? Maybe a quick reminder before weekend events or evening before meetings.
 - Website needs to be updated.

Special Events (Heather Ann Roe & Aaron McCann)

- Barnes & Noble Saturday (12-07)
 - B&N allows for two book fairs per year
 - § Maybe one at end of year for Summer reading?
- Movie Night
 - Bring in \$800 on pizza and spend \$1000
 - Heather looked at hosting at Fleur cinema -> \$800 to host ~\$200 for movie. Change of venue?
 - Gym vs Auditorium? – Easier to move / spread-out

- Rental? Make a screen? Bring lawn chairs?
- Snack-bar too?
- Skate Night
 - April 14th @ Skateland

Adopt-a-teacher information will be coming out soon in time for the holiday season

Public school teachers are not to receive >\$3 gifts – PTA asks to donate to adopt-a-teacher fund. That money is added to money + coffee cart + \$2000 from PTA. Last year each teacher got \$325 which many used for new chairs.

Discussion items –

Community building – back-to-school night with slushies; coffee social hour at Barnes & Noble;

Classroom-focused relationship building –

- Story Menus – similar to culminating event, parents request a story from a menu of stories and a student tells the story
- Class room night out / Class family picnic
- Dinner nights – host provides entrée and beverage, other families bring other dishes
- After work events

Challenges / opportunities

- Concerns over Bright Horizons -> transition and not knowing what is going on – needing more information timeline or what’s happening
- How are we keeping kids active? How to use gym more? Walks? Corridor? Fresh-air? Get the kids to the skywalks?
- Budget concerns, any speakers to talk? Are other PTAs speaking to these issues? How can we help? Do we need to lobby the legislature?

- Mr. Burnett to potentially address the new changes in curriculum/ fewer culminating events
- Need e-mails sent out from PTA

February 10th next meeting instead of February 3rd due to caucuses

Adjourned 6:05 PM