

Horizon Elementary PTA Board Meeting

January 11th, 2018

Call to Order: 6:09pm.

Approval of Minutes: December 2017 minutes approved by Lisa Bradford and 2nd from Brandy Galloway.

Financial Report:

- Samantha Bowman was not able to attend the meeting; however, in going through the spreadsheets she provided, we gathered the cash balance is now only about \$24,000.
- Income this month was mainly generated from the Winter Childcare Fundraiser for \$429.94 and an employer/external matching check from Boeing for what we think are Paige Bisset's volunteer hours!
- Expenses for the month were mainly generated from the deposit for Carnival rides paid out, the \$600 grant we approved last month for the ASB and a See's Candy NSF check that will be resolved via deposit in January.
- Motion to approve the budget from Michelle Dean and 2nd from Brandy Galloway.

Teacher's Report:

- Mrs. English announced that Ms. Vicki has been nominated by central kitchen for the WA Classified Employee of the Year Award! She won Employee of the Year for the district last year and this year has been nominated at the state level. She is asking the PTA for a letter of recommendation describing her impact on the school and/or school culture.

Principal's Report:

- Mr. Erdly is excited to have the Pacific Science Center's Science on Wheels field trip come to Horizon on March 1st; however, we will need about four PTA volunteers to attend the in-school field trip.
 - He stated that he has para educators assisting with the library display.
 - Then he needs about four bodies to assist with other duties. Lisa Bradford, Lisaye Manning, Paige Bisset and Michelle Dean have volunteered to be present March 1st.
- Mr. Erdly also made us aware of the growing social media problem brewing with Horizon students. He sadly reported the massive amount of misuse taking place with students and their devices outside the school and the dramatic repercussions filtering into school during recess.
 - The school policy is all devices remain off while on campus during school hours and cannot discipline their use unless caught using them at school. They can also not discipline the drama unfolding due to social media comments; they can only let parents know what is happening.
 - Unless a physical altercation occurs at the school, they cannot intervene. So, Mr. Erdly is hoping to find a way to communicate to our community as a whole that there is a problem that parents need to address at home!
- Mr. Erdly then gave a presentation explaining the upcoming levy the public will be voting on February 17th.
 - KSD is funded 19.58% by levies!
 - We voted to approve the PTA to endorse this levy. This means we can post on our Facebook page and newsletter encouraging the community to vote. Motion to approve via Lisaye Manning and 2nd from Brandy Galloway.

Old Business:

- STEAM Night Coming January 18th:
 - The Art Docent team, led by Paige Bisset, met on Tuesday, January 9th this week and ironed out all the last minute details.

- Paige Bisset has been in contact with Mrs. Henly regarding our plan to do an art project that marries art and math. She has created a PowerPoint presentation and arranged for us to have three sessions and has developed the handouts.
 - Paige Bisset, Michelle Dean, Brandy Galloway and Caitlin Strub will be attending this night to help with the art project.
- Variety Show Coming January 26th:
 - Auditions are complete. A lot of no-shows took place which was almost a good thing considering we had doubled the amount of signups this year.
 - However, we learned from this for next year to print the audition time on a larger piece of paper and attach it to a release form to ensure parents are noting that their child has signed up.
 - Many more rehearsals to come now. Facility-use forms are filled out. Nathan Dean will be mixing our music. Décor will be similar to last year.
 - Linda Dement volunteered to email the PTA community reminding them of the Bake Sale and asking for items during our intermission.
- Witty Scientists:
 - This program is currently at a standstill. Only one student has signed up for the next series of classes. Unless more sign up soon, this after-school program will be cancelled.
 - Lisaye Manning confirmed that she will be attending the STEAM Night, so hopefully that will boost interest in the program!
- Apollo Program Survey Results:
 - Only a handful of parents responded to the survey sent home about the program. However, of those parents who did respond, the consensus was more “No’s” than “Yes’s.” We are thinking cost was the main factor in the survey results.
 - Lisaye Manning will get in touch with the Apollo folks and relay the survey results.

New Business:

- Book Fair:
 - Samantha Bowman was not able to attend the meeting. She is however, on top of flyers for volunteers, scheduling book drop off and pick up times with Scholastic, and arranging viewing and selling times with the library staff.
- Teacher Conference Meals:
 - Aimee Brock is taking on this next round of meals.
 - Late nights are Monday and Tuesday evenings.
 - We have \$200 to \$250 in funds to place toward these meals and it was suggested we can do either Lucky Star or Dickies BBQ night for the teachers. Mr. Erdly also mentioned we still have over 100 hotdogs in the freezer and could do a hotdog and chili night as well.
- Movie Night Coming February 16th:
 - Michelle Dean will confirm with Linda Fix that this date still works for Movie Night and will fill out the facility-use form.
 - Movie is still to be determined. Candy concessions and pizza will be available for purchase as usual.
- Spring Rummage Sale:
 - This event will take place on Saturday, March 17th from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Lisaye Manning and Lindsey Shumway are heading this fundraiser.
 - A flyer is scheduled to go out at the end of January to request items for donation.
 - Items can be dropped off 2-3 days prior to the sale and donations will receive tax donation slips.

- Planning to set up in the gym on Friday prior to the event. Organizing items by price to make both pricing and shopping easier.

Kent Area Council PTA:

- Didn't have time to discuss this.

Adjourned: 7:26pm.