

PTA Meeting 12/5/17 6pm in the Library

Attendees: Anna Short, Naira Perez, Kara Stone, Lynn Brown, Jennifer Mills-Perov, Lisa Kakishita Hansen, Simone Goldfeder, Kris Meyer

6:10 pm Previous meeting's minutes

... have been misplaced. Will recreate

6:10 pm Student council rep.

Anti-bullying week is sometime in January. Student council wrote a letter to and asked a famous anti-bullying author to come and speak at the school. Cost is \$1000 to do 2 assemblies. Would be an extra \$800 to do a parent's night that night. (Trudy Ludwig)

Asking for money from PTA to fund this event. The school and administration might contribute some, and the kids might do some fundraising. This is the first time the Anti-bullying League has tried to organize a speaker of this kind.

Other things the ABL might do is go from class to class and read anti-bullying books and put up some posters.

6:18 pm Lost and Found Partnership

Proposal to take Lost and Found clothes to Hoot-n-Annie (a children's consignment store). 60% of proceeds would come to Ainsworth. Ainsworth would need to contribute a large cart (like a hotel laundry cart). Unsold clothes would be donated to the PTA Clothing Closet, BUT they would need to be picked up \*weekly\*. One of Hoot-n-Annie's employees would take unsold clothes to Reike weekly, and PTA would need to pick up from Reike and take to Clothing Closet.

The 5th grade service project is Lost and Found. They might be able to get involved with this and raise money for their class party.

Discussion - There is general discomfort with using the Lost and Found clothes to turn a profit for PTA. People are concerned that Clothing Closet would no longer receive quality clothes.

Option - Can we decouple the agreement with Hoot-n-Annie from Lost & Found? Instead, just get Ainsworth parents to take their kids' extra clothes there. Any unsold or unwanted clothes go straight to Clothing Closet.

Parents need to be thoughtful about what they donate. Only clothes that are in great condition are accepted.

Lisa Kakishita Hansen would manage this for now, but if we remove the idea of selling the Lost and Found clothes, the volunteer needs are pretty minimal.

6:49 pm Marquee Project

Ready to pin down the design and positioning of the sign.

Several options presented. Chose smaller sign offset to the corner and no removal of the old sign.

Can be completed in mid-January.

Total cost ~\$7300.

But, the grant was for \$10k, so MAYBE with the extra money we could replace the existing temporary "Ainsworth Elementary" school.

#### 6:57 pm Grounds Maintenance Update

Leaf rake-up day was hugely successful: cub scouts, Girl Scouts, tons of parents.

But, by Monday, it looked just like before: leaves everywhere. Feedback coming from teachers that there are too many leaves, kids are slipping, etc. At this time of year, we need almost twice weekly cleanups in order to keep on top of the leaves. There has already been a lot of parent hours contributed already, and we still need more.

Request to buy some small kid-size rakes for the kids to help out during recess. Kids are willing to help out.

Immediate need to get the space cleared up again. Do we ask for parent volunteers again? Do we go try to get a company to come in just for the months of November and December? Suggestion - try for parent volunteers one more time. If we don't get any, then hire a company.

#### 7:12 pm Book Bags

There is some need for book donations for families, specifically books at the K, 1, 2 level. Going to collect books from PTA before Christmas and send out a wider request to the whole school after the new year.

#### 7:14 pm Friends of Seasonal Service Workers - Naira

There is a sign-up going out for some events. Monetary donations will go toward buying turkeys and perishable items for them for the holidays. Lynn will not be coordinating this year.

#### 7:21 pm Annex Crosswalk

The crosswalk across Vista up by the Annex is unsafe. Getting flashing lights up there would cost \$80k.

Kris is requesting just getting some "turtle kids" (those little statues of people shapes holding flags) to put there to try to get cars to slow down.

#### 7:33 pm Misc

Next meeting will be Thursday, Dec 14th at 1pm