

Ainsworth PTA Meeting

February 28, 2020

1:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

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Vince DiGianno, Jen Rollins, Andi Mukul, Andrea Tomlin, Marisa McLaughlin, Mary Valeant, Aimee Greene, Pamela Speckly (sp?), Natalie Willes, Gaby Ordonez Llanos, Angie Bustamante-Jenkins

Welcome & Announcement

Andi Mukul/Jen Rollins

- Andrea applying for the St Francis pop-up cross-walk grant.
- Vince update on family dance. Messaging going out soon and Student Council involved in planning.
- Hand washing status at school: Hand washing facilities in not great shape in. Can something be done with it? Faucets an ADA concern too. Might not be feasible to make building improvements at this time. Hand-sanitizer in classrooms, etc. Will talk with teachers at staff meeting about implementing hand washing and hand sanitizing standards.

Review and Approve Minutes

All Members

- No Quorum, so meeting minutes can't be approved.

Treasurer's Report

Vincent DiGiano

- Ending balance - \$91k. Received \$4300 from ticket sales and \$6100 from ad sales. \$740 from Por Que No fundraiser. \$433 outreach balance currently - \$600 needed, will get there.
- \$2500 in teacher grant reimbursements went out. 5 classrooms have still not asked for funds.
- No additional PTA expenses this past month.
- \$4000 budget projection this year. Need additional \$ for this budget line item to order more Ainsworth gear.

After School Enrichment Update

Andy Eiden/Jen Rollins

- No update yet.
- Parents would like more afterschool activities, but there are space issues and no parent coordinator for after school yet.
- No Lego robotics space currently, but mainly a space issue. Parent volunteer based, so not an outside provider. Could it go later in the evening, like Cub Scouts, to solve space issue.

Cafeteria Acoustics

Mary Valeant

- Student acoustic project. PPS is willing to look at this and help solve this. \$1750 to get it professional engineer measurements and design the solution, etc and willing to do with the children.
- Mary ask: Can PTA fund \$1750 for the professional design and estimate to ensure done correctly?
- Angie: Cindy Lind willing to donate \$/materials for this, and PPS will cover for some of the labor. PPS project manager said that they will approve the plan if it's funded and professionally assessed. Cindy know process for getting projects done like this with PPS
  - Angie will contact PPS to get an absolute yes confirmation on this project
  - PTA will contact 5<sup>th</sup> grade community gift coordinator/volunteer to see if it can be the class gifts this year back to school community.
  - PTA can vote on funding design/estimate cost once knowing the above factors.

## Environmental Sustainability Proposal

Vera and Pamela

- Vera and Pamela did the sustainability Eco-School Network course. Talked with parents and visited other schools to see what they are doing. Ainsworth is not that bad.
- PTA watched Eco-School Network video.
- Green space: There's an ask around making an edible garden. Keeping wooden boxes that can be used for a garden.
- School ask: Can there be a PTA sustainability lead that will continue on? Can it also be run in part by the kids? Can Student Council help around this? For example, green duty leader/student to help with cafeteria, making videos so that the kids can learn around Ainsworth efforts, parent volunteer for 2 weeks to train kids better around recycling, etc.
- If a proposal for what's needed for a volunteer sustainability lead can be created by Pamela/Vera, PTA will recruit and send to school community.

## Update and Report on STEAM Day

Simone Goldfeder

- Item not covered

## Grade Level Fundraisers

Jen Rollins

- Item not covered

## State PTA Conference (elect delegates)

All Members

## Donation to Vestal Elementary School PTA

Andi Mukul

- PTA donation is being made.

## March 5<sup>th</sup> Evening PTA Meeting

Gaby

- Have money for childcare, pizza, and translation devices. Spanish for sure.
- Index cards/note pads, and pens (school can donate)
- Sharing back with school community the school survey results and focus group results. Agenda set.
- Noah can blast it out on Monday, and it can be put in the marquis, poster print out for the back packs on Monday, and put on FaceBook. Can Naira do the boost with FB?

## Adjournment

Andi Mukul /Jen Rollins

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Next Meeting: March 5, 2020; 6-8 p.m.; Ainsworth Library