

Welcome Holly Staples, Leanna Koepp, Cathleen Reffkin, Kristine Asplund, Trish Robinson, Kari Martinson, Andrew Reinitz, Robbie Deming, Erica Navickas, Betsy Christian, Megan Cegla, Scott Eidsness, Scott Lhotka, Caroline Suttle

Approval of Minutes Cathleen and Kari

Share our Success

- Light the Night
 - Can't believe how giving our community is. Wishful thinking at a \$10,000 goal but are now up to \$11k! We are always asking for money in different ways, and people just continue to donate and help!
 - Without the physical change coming in from kids and parents, the students don't feel as involved.
 - How to have the same in person involvement but also push the online sales in the future. Kids loved being involved and bringing in their change.
 - Local people who we help have come in the past and presented at the school. There was a local students years ago who was helped, and he is still actively involved and reaches out! He is now in college.
- Kindergarten round up
 - Was super fun! Did a treasure hunt with the kids and got to lead their families through it and get stickers. There were parents who have been through the old style and they said they still felt like all of their questions were answered and it went well. The kids got to take home balloons and it was a bigger hit than the shirts in the past!
 - Parents opinion - Kari: loved that the kids were involved and seeing the space. Felt very personal. Had time to chat with staff/teachers one on one a bit more than in the past.

Principal Report

- Winter assessments have taken place. Report cards will be coming soon! Conferences are coming up in February as well.
 - Report cards are very well liked by the parents. Very easy to read.
- Gold metal effort:
 - Sub teachers are on us - Week of 31st/1st School has covered.
 - Staff - week of the 7th. Have kids write letters and notes to staff and teachers. PTA to send an email to ask parents to have their kids do this.
 - Week of 14th - health care workers. ALL healthcare workers, not just nurse Kathy at the school. They have sheets to draw on for this and can send home for kids to do at home with their parents.
 - Week of 21st - Bus drivers. Kids will write out letters for the drivers in class.
 - PTA is doing breakfast that week as well for the drivers.

Lhotka Report

- Covid numbers are down. Trying to keep us in the school. Doing whatever we need to do to keep things as normal as possible.
- Wolf Ridge: Starting to plan how it will look this year. Feeling hopeful that it will happen this year. 8th graders are going next week, so we will have some more insight after that as well.

Teacher Report

- Trying to get the students' assessments done this past month. A lot of absences so working to make sure everyone's was completed.
- Should be getting info soon about conferences and scheduled (online or in person, etc)
- Happy to start seeing more and more kids back!

Board Reports

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
 - Box tops: added \$79, all app related now
 - Spiritwear: \$65 donated - will we be giving t shirts or?
 - See attached Budget for details this month

Chairperson Reports

- Pastries for Parents
 - Postponed. March 18th. 8-8:45am Be sure to let Adventure Club know
 - WeCan received any donations we had received prior to canceling the event.
- Readathon
 - Traci. She has started working on it. We need a co chair - Traci is also leaving so need someone to learn to take over next year. EMAIL PTA MEMBERS
 - She is working on flip grid, forms, etc. Need to help count money afterwards on March 7th.
 - Caroline Suttle is going to help Traci
- Ice Skating
 - Monday March 7th 6-7pm at Hilltop. Neilson will box up skates for us and he will pick them up later from Hilltop after.
 - Waiting to hear on concession stands and if they will be open or not.
 - Mass email to school about it as well.

Hilltop PTA is doing a family fun day at the WAC. Lhotka heard about it. Gym and pool are open, bounce house, etc.. Do we want to do this as well??? Pay for lifeguards, but likely that's it?? Talk to Lindsey at the WAC and start organizing. Going to reach out and see what is possible sooner than later

- Carnival (planning to have it inside again this year!)
 - Food
 - Will start planning now that it is confirmed indoors.
 - Kona Truck - do we want it again this year now that we are moving back inside? Logistically need to think about it. Maybe park on blacktop out back?
 - Games
 - Traci will start working on this. Needs a co chair - Holly Staples!
 - Prizes
 - Trisha - maybe doing some better prizes and giveaways. Looking into new ways
 - Raffle
 - Need Chair

- Three large prizes. One cash, one experience, one item kids like
 - Silent Auction
 - Already have over 30 YES responses – this is over half of what we got via email last year and we are way ahead of the game this year. So should end up with more than last year!
 - Started picking some up. Have a list that still needs to be picked up and some are sending in the mail to us
 - 7 of the donations we have so far are from places that did not donate last year
 - Sending out mailers this week. Have labels for 99 companies that we mail too ready, just need print and stuff.
 - Need to send out an email to our parents yet asking if they offer anything they would like to donate (we usually have some photographers, yoga instructors, etc. in our parents list that donate!)
 - Beth has made the amazon wish lists
 - Will start updating bidding owl and making images/logos for the items now
 - Local Requests - go into the local places and talk to them. Make a list of this.
 - Baskets - What do we have in the closets for actual
 - BiddingOwl - Need to figure out how to copy everything from last year.
 - Thank You

Old Business

New Business

- Operetta
 - Will PTA sponsor little party after.
 - Do they need bussing?
 - What can we do to help and support?
 - 75 kids
 - Pizza Party and drinks. Andrew will get cookies from Subway.
 - Need about \$650 to give. VOTED: Unanimous.
- Valentine's Day Snacks
 - Kar or Betsy to pick up from Costco this weekend. Fruit snacks.
- Conferences
 - Meal - Scotty B or Subway. May need Scotty for carnival. Betsy will reach out.
 - Sign Up for donations again
 - Childcare - Nikki to do again.
- District Staff Appreciation Initiative
- Adventures in Art
 - Betsy Idea: Fits in budget
 - MIA has some good ideas on their website but looked like a lot of work for this year since we are behind.
 - Origami - Tell the history of it and be hands on
 - Incorporate The Paper Crane Project. Could we send some to other schools?
 - Katie Davis with Makerspace and CLemenson with Art - do they want to do an extension with it?

- Incorporate the book about cranes as it is also read a thon week?
- Will this also be for 3rd and 4th grade?
- Bus Driver Appreciation

**MARCH MEETING IS MOVED TO APRIL 5TH A TUESDAY FOR PACKET CREATING FOR THE CARNIVAL!

ADJOURN: Cathleen and Kari

Upcoming Events & Announcements

- 2/14 Monday: Valentine's Day Parties
- 2/21 Monday: No School
- 2/22 Tuesday: No School/Conferences 12p-8p
- 2/22 Tuesday: Bus Driver Appreciation
- 2/24 Thursday: Conferences 4p-8p + Meal
- 2/28 Monday: PTA Meeting
- 2/28-3/4 Monday-Friday: Readathon
- 3/7 Monday: Ice Skating @ Thaler 6p-8p
- PTA Meeting
- Spirit Wear Store
- 3/25-4/1 Friday-Friday: No School/Spring Break