

Slavens School PTA Meeting Minutes

Tuesday December 11, 2018

The monthly PTA meeting was called to order on December 11, 2018 from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm at the Slavens Library. In attendance were: Cheryl Badger, Angie Hendricks, Colleen Domer, Kurt Siebold, John Ordelleide, Cindy Ambs, Robin Berg, Meghan Brown, Heather Witsoe, Philip Accas, Stephanie Minior, James Urbonas and Alaina Neale.

Approval of November Minutes/Notes

John Ordelleide/Marko Wilson

November notes were approved

Principal's Report

Kurt Siebold

A fact sheet about the DPS salary proposal was shared with the PTA. Teacher compensation negotiations are ongoing. The interim superintendent is working hard toward resolution to avoid a potential strike in January 2019.

Playground installation will start soon. A curb around the perimeter of the playground with a wheelchair ramp will be started next week, followed by the engineered wood chips. Playground equipment will be installed the first week in January likely by January 10th. Meghan is in contact with an eagle scout who would like to do a project on the playground. DPS will fund the playground entirely. The PTA discussed ways to communicate with the community how the money raised at the auction last year for the playground renovation will be used instead. Slavens PTA may add some additional play structures after the work is done by DPS.

Denver Water had a sink hole and the water main busted at the corner of Dartmouth and Clayton causing water to run down the street for about an hour on Thursday 12/09/18. The water main and road have been fixed and clean up on the streets in in progress.

Treasurer's Report

Colleen Domer

Current Balances: Savings: \$192,406.93 Checking: \$267,359.72 8th grade/CIMI: \$61,065
Colleen summarized the income and expenses for the month of November as reflected on the budget. Some income from enrichment, auction parties, golf outing, king soopers cards for pta and cimi cards, mixed bags, online portion of the carnival fees, MS activity fees, MS fundraising. Expenses were cimi trip, ac units, enrichment salary, golf outing, mixed bags (which will be refunded), greening, hospitality, credit card hosting & processing, quick books online fees, staff development, teacher support, tutoring.

Middle School Needs—Angst, Middle, Photography

John Ordelleide/Marko Wilson

John received an email from the MSPA chairs. They are hoping to present the movie Angst (about teen anxiety) as a community education event. The movie is recommended for ages 10 (5th grade) and up. TJ has offered to host the movie in January. The movie costs \$650; MSPA can cover \$500. The MSPA requests \$150 from PTA to cover the remaining cost. Questions regarding whether TJ population will attend as well as that might impact space availability. Likely to get same attendance as Screenagers which was 300 students. Slavens could host capacity of 300. There was a recommendation to set up a

system to RSVP to plan for the attendance. The PTA voted to approve the expense of \$150 for the movie Angst. All were in favor.

Laura Kurley is teaching the new MS photography elective that is being offered in January. She is requesting \$20 per student for printing costs. The class is capped at 25 so the total request is \$500. Per Heather Witsoe, she put a hold on this request. John recommended online galleries vs printing given the digital nature of film and it would cost much less.

Green Team/Recycling/Composting

Robin Berg

Robin created a sign up genius for a couple spots a week for a recess roundup to clean up for 5-10 minutes. This sign up will be going out in updates and to the teachers. She met with the DU center for sustainability, Alex Kuhn. They are interested in partnering with Slavens (maybe do a trash audit, education). The green team logos were finalized. Robin has been creating a list of green team helpers to post publicly in the school. Working on getting cement pads for the trash bins. DPS will pay half of additional bins to replace some of the existing bins. Robin plans on getting five new sets. Weekly green team updates are on the app and on the teacher bulletins.

Restaurant Night

Stephanie Minior

The school has not yet received payment from Kona. Stephanie shared a fundraising proposal: Cans for Kona, which would occur during the school day. Maybe set up for April. Kona would come during school. Kids would bring \$4 for a snow cone and two cans each which would be donated to Foodbank of the Rockies. 10-15 minutes per class. PTA discussed the pros/cons of the fundraiser: it might cause disruption to teachers, pressure for kids to bring money, sugar impact on kids. The overall consensus was to not hold this fundraiser.

The following restaurants are being scheduled for fundraiser nights:

Park burger/Avery December

Illegal Petes

Chic Fil A

Snarfs

Duffey Roll

Bittersweet

Current Needs

John Ordelheide/Marko Wilson

Edukit position is still open. Is there an easier way for teachers to get supplies? Edukit brought in \$1400. Cheryl Badger will talk to teachers to see if they would prefer to get their own supplies for their classes with parents giving a flat payment to each teacher (similar to Edukit format without the difficulties of sorting/distributing supplies).

Notes taken by Alaina Neale