

## Slavens School PTA Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2020

The PTA meeting was called to order on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the library at Slavens School. In attendance were Megan Brown, Katie Ozimek, James Urbonas, Tracy Kozak, Kurt Siebold, Laura Edwards, Rebecca Tsvetkov, Cheryl Badger, Bo Sager, Sheri Knox, Stephanie Minior, Colleen Domer, Amanda Fedje, Philip Accas and Jessie Burch.

- I. Approval of December Minutes/Notes (Meghan Brown)
  - Approved
- II. Principals Report (Kurt Siebold)
  - Slavens received 214 choice applications in Kindergarten, 600 total applications (includes people selecting Slavens as choice 1, 2 or 3); will look at class numbers to decide how many choice students we take
  - Budget:
    - Keeping 2.5 special education teachers
    - We are using some bond money for technology –
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    - promethean boards: replaced 1 and will replace 2 next year
- III. Treasurer's Report (James Urbonas)
  - James sent emails to teachers letting them know how much money they have to spend from PTA allocated funds; did not result in a storm of requests but this money is great for teachers to have if they need it
- IV. Restaurant week fundraising (Stephanie Minior)
  - Chipotle, Mod Market and Illegal Pete's all did well and we already our hit goal for the year
  - Two more restaurant nights to come: Twin Fin Poke (March 12); one in May TBD
- V. Volunteer needs
  - Looking for VP for next year
  - Losing Boone fundraiser volunteer (Tracy Renner); looking at other ideas for fundraiser including: wreath/garland sale; Family Bingo night (but would need someone to organize)
- VI. Mathmagic Assembly (Kirk Framke)
  - Mathmagician Arthur Benjamin is a professor at Harvey Mudd (see his [Ted Talk](#) for more info)
  - Does assemblies for students and we are thinking about having him at Slavens, possibly this year or next school year
  - Would gear one assembly to K-5 and one for middle school;
  - Interesting presentation to get kids engaged with academic focus
- VII. Rebecca Tsvetkov

- Auction
  - Entertainment: adding rodeo clown; already have booked mechanical bull, Bennetts BBQ, broncos cheerleading
  - Focused on getting donations:
    - CheddarUp is great because can buy gift cards at reduced rate;
    - wine pull expanding this year to whiskey and other liquors; asking for bottles over \$20
    - encouraging families to donate 2 items
- Discussion of homework load in middle school
  - Students are spending between 30 minutes and 4 hours on homework every night; Some students feel pressure to come to school even when they are sick because fear getting behind; Some students feel they don't have enough time to eat lunch
  - High expectations for teachers who want to keep standards high and pressure to stay a high-performing school
  - General guide is 10 minutes of homework per grade (i.e. 10 minutes in 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 20 minutes in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, etc.)
  - Want to make sure what we are asking of the kids is reasonable, manageable and beneficial;
  - Idea was raised to get data about what's being assigned and how long it's taking kids to complete; align reality with expectations; maybe have kids fill out time sheet for period of 3 weeks or so and connect the dots

\*Notes taken by Tracy Kozak