

Slavens School PTA Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 21, 2019

The monthly PTA meeting was called to order on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 from 6:15 pm-6:50 pm at the home of Alaina and William Neale. In attendance were: John Ordelheide, Marko Wilson, Laura Edwards, Colleen Domer, Robin Berg, James Urbonas, Philip Accas, Katie Ozimek, Meghan Brown, Cheryl Badger, Timi Biermann, Judy Leuteneker, Niki Grahame, Stephanie Minior, Tracy Kozak, Tracy Renner, Stephanie Slaybaugh, Cindy Ambs, Kurt Siebold and Alaina Neale.

Approval of April Minutes:

John Ordelheide/Marko Wilson

April minutes were approved.

Principal's Report

Kurt Siebold

The STEM teacher position will be vacated by Courtney Miller as she is moving to Salida. This position has been filled by a teacher that has been teaching STEM at McMeen Elementary in DPS. Matt Phair, the 7th/8th grade math/science teacher, has chosen to take time off. This position is currently vacant for the upcoming school year.

Slavens' Leader In Me coach, Sarah Gold, has encouraged Slavens to seek Lighthouse Status which is an elevated Leader in Me status. Kurt would like to encourage 5-6 parents to attend the Seven Habits Training which will take place on a Wednesday and Thursday in late September. More information will be available about this opportunity as the date nears.

Kurt has been discussing issues of school safety with CSC in light of the recent school shooting at STEM Highlands Ranch. The district wants all schools to have one designated point of entry which would require a buzzer entrance. Currently Slavens has three buzzer entrances. Kurt would like to maintain the entrance by the office as the official point of entry but have other entrances converted to swipe entrances that would be accessible by school staff. Kurt is looking for funding to convert two or three doors to swipe entrances. The cost is approximately \$2500 to \$3000 per door. This will continue to be discussed in future PTA meetings. A suggestion was made that next year's auction could focus on raising funds toward school safety which would contribute to replacing doors and possibly offering additional mental health supports to students.

Treasurer's Report

Colleen Domer

Current Balances: **Savings:** \$192,724.77 **Checking/Operating:** \$508,140.62 **8th grade trip:** \$73,338.79

Colleen summarized the income and expenses for the year to date as reflected on the budget through April.

Fun Run—Sunday Sept 8, 2019

John Ordelheide/Marko Wilson

Mychael Jones is organizing the Fun Run. The city has approved the road closures and police presence/security necessary for the event which is scheduled for Sunday, September 8th, 2019.

Auction Recap

Judy Leuteneker/Randy Moyer

The Shoot for the Stars auction was a huge success and resulted in a net revenue of \$238,000. This was \$75,000 more than what was projected as income on the PTA budget. Judy thanks all those that supported the auction through their attendance and/or participation. Approximately 80 parents were involved in planning and running the auction. Correspondence will go out to the Slavens community with the total amount raised this week. The positions of auction chairs remain open for next year. Any interested parents should speak with Judy Leuteneker. Judy knows of parents who are possibly interested in chairing for the 21-22 school year.

Mixed Bags/Boon Supply

Tracy Renner

Mixed Bags changed their name to Boon Supply. Tracy shared the Boon Supply fall catalog. Additional items are available online that are not available in the catalog. Next year they will offer some food items as well. Tracy got generally good feedback from parents about the quality of the items offered. Next year, 40% of sales from the catalog and online sales will go to Slavens. There will be a shipping fee for items shipped to the school. These changes will likely impact the profit from the catalog sale next year. Tracy will put together a FAQ sheet that will go out with the catalog based on questions she received this year. The PTA agreed to continue with the Boon Supply catalog sale. The school will get a bonus supply for display purposes if we sign up by June 1st. The catalog sale will likely take place in mid-October to early-November.

Middle School Book Chains, by Laurie Halse Anderson

John Ordelheide

Ms. Kerley would like to order 85 copies of the book Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson to supplement the Frederick Douglass unit. This is the first book in the Seeds of America trilogy. The book is a realistic depiction of a young slave in a worn torn city which shows their plight and daily life. Ms. Kerley is asking for \$628 to cover the cost of 85 books for next year. The books would need to be ordered soon to have them by next year. Cheryl Badger may be able to find the books at a cheaper cost. The PTA agreed this expense will be covered by the Books fund in the budget.

Ash Tree Treatment

Robin Berg

Additional trash bins have been installed around the Slavens campus. Robin is still waiting for bids to install concrete pads, which will not happen this school year. Four recycle zones have been established around the school in collaboration with CAT. Next year, the Green Team will focus more on education.

The PTA discussed the need to vaccinate the 25+ ash trees on the Slavens property from borers and other pests. Fielding Tree and Shrub provided an estimate of \$1950 annually to vaccinate all the trees from three different pests. The vaccination would typically occur in April/May. Katie Ozimek shared that there is currently a low incident rate of ash borers in the state. Only 11 cases have been reported and none have been reported in Denver. Transmission of the pest is typically through firewood. Lady bugs are also a natural predator of aphids. The PTA agreed to wait to approve funding to vaccinate the trees as there does not appear to be an imminent threat. This issue will be discussed again next school year.

Current Needs/Auction

John Ordelheide/Marko Wilson

John and Marko thank all the volunteers, chairs and executive committee members that have been involved in the PTA. Positions that remain open for next school year are: Vice President(s) and Auction Chair(s).

Katie Ozimek has requested that every committee chair submit their plan of work and proposed budget for 2019-2020 by July 1st. An executive committee meeting will be scheduled in July to discuss the budget for next school year.

Notes taken by Alaina Neale