

Slavens School PTA Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2019

The PTA meeting was called to order on Tuesday, November 19, 2019, from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the library at Slavens School. In attendance were: Meghan Brown, James Urbonas, Tracy Kozak, Kurt Siebold, Cheryl Badger, Philip Accas, Laura Edwards, Bo Sager, Matt Baline, Brita DeStefano, Amanda Fedje, Diane Young, Robin Berg, Niki Grahame, Maria Sadkhi, Emily Menkis

I. Approval of October Minutes/Notes

- Minutes approved

II. Principals Report (Kurt Siebold)

- Darcy Ford represented Slavens at the Blue Ribbon ceremony in Washington D.C.; 362 schools were recognized this year, 5 out of Colorado
- Melissa and Kurt were at Kohn training program; discussed leadership and how to improve school; Must put together 30-minute presentation about what we need to address at our school – Kurt solicited feedback – ideas included:
 - more paraprofessionals;
 - More support for non-traditional learners (G&T students, etc.)
 - ways to identify kids with challenges – how to get them help they need
 - Adopt a school to expose to different communities
 - Exposure to different cultures/make more effort to expose to diversity
 - Increased stress – especially in middle school – teaching tactics to help
 - Making elementary and middle school more connected
- Grandparents day coming up
- Science Fair – stopped doing it last year; no call to revive it

III. Treasurer's Report (James Urbonas)

- Fundraisers: did well compared to last year
- Restaurant Night: doing well, in line with budget
- Auction: Slavens Rodeo- Bulls, Books and Boots – casual BBQ
 - Idea to earmark some money from auction to mental health assistance and help; need plan in place approved by administration and PTA – need more discussion on this idea

IV. Welcome Committee update

- Sign up genius for tours going well – next tour date already booked
- 4 people will be doing tours in order to take this task off Kathy's plate

V. Green Team update (Robin Berg)

- Many people have been pitching in and helping in many ways;
- Have 2 bins from last year that have been intentionally damaged – deciding whether to replace them;
- Robin looking for support from teacher or parents, etc.

- Green team ambassador meetings are during lunch – working well, great attendance
- Would love ideas to get more middle schoolers involved – could be community service hours – (example: recycling bins need to be emptied)
- Had first green learning Friday in collaboration with Denver sustainability program in October – kids got to do sorting games, there were fun giveaways

VI. Middle school update (Meghan)

- Idea of Activity busses from last meeting – nothing has been decided; ongoing costs are something not sure PTA would want to take on; would add a lot to overall costs every year

VII. Restaurant Night

- Idea to do fewer nights but better ones – working well so far
- Chick-fil-A allowing teachers and parents to go over lunch hour 12/12; Chick-fil-A asked if they can bring cow mascot one day to promote it - Kurt agreed