

Mountain View Elementary, PTA Meeting

Tuesday, 25 February 2020

6:30pm, 21c

Board members present: Cynthia Valentine(president), Tammy Truax(vice-president), Daniel Kulp(treasurer)

Board members absent: Jamie Horspool(secretary)

Members present: Kristal Kupferman, Amanda Boulet, Carrie Martinez, Janet Barr(teacher liaison), Alison Boda, Nella Dagnillo, Jamie Kulp, Rachel Rollings(assistant principal), Jill Hooper(principal)

Called to order 6:34 pm by Cynthia Valentine

Agenda

- Welcome - Cynthia Valentine
Thanks for braving the cold!
- President's report - Cynthia Valentine
It's been a great month with a great team working around busy schedules. Working on building connections and connections. Keeping things simple for this year.
- Treasurer's report - Daniel Kulp
Copies of January financial report were distributed to all present for review. January was a quiet month in terms of PTA finances. Spirit wear purchase and sales, Marcos pizza and box tops check were the highlights.
Spirit wear purchase was for hoodies to have stock to sell.
Side discussion on best practice for spirit wear purchasing. Periodic flyer order forms, possible online purchase system? Board to look into options. It was decided by those present that giving parents options other than coming in and having office staff assist them is a good idea. The office staff has enough to do.
- Principal's report - Jill Hooper
Dr Seuss day next Monday. Fun day of activities and a book theme each day with dress up activity.
Read to the peak happens same week and if school reaches goal, principals will go on to the roof for a day as has been done in years past. Kids love to see them at recess. Tentative plan for day on roof 3/12.
Family breakfast 3/17 run by student council, info coming out in roar.
FAN Fest(family activity night), 4/1. Activities around the building in out(9square, yoga, geocaching, drum fit, escape box, art galleries) Night of fun activities and see what they love about school. Chili cookoff with watchdog dads if there is enough interest as part of activities. Decision was for this event not to have

food sales/dinner as part of the night so that families can spend the entire 90 minutes doing activities.

- Teacher's report – Janet Barr-

January luncheon was a highlight for the staff- Thank you!

100th day of school was celebrated by primary grades recently with lots of fun!

Teachers are looking ahead to report cards and spring conference.

- Other business

- Family Dance recap - Carrie Martinez

Dance was great! Thank you to PTA Board and Administration for scrambling to make the reschedule happen.

Discussion about the future maybe doing Saturday events?(people were in favor).

Discussion of how to get teachers to come(possible of giving out gift cards to teachers who come, or could we do some fundraising with teacher buy in for an auction for activities, Janet Barr shared that it was done in the past where teachers offered things like taking kids to bowl, etc)These will be considered and discussed for future possibilities.

- 4th grade grant for Building Colorado experience - Cynthia Valentine

The 4th grade teaching team has asked for \$411 for an experience brought to school rather than going on a field trip that will help them learn how and why Colorado became the state it is. This is something that has been approved in past years by the PTA membership and has also been in the approved budget in the past. Because it is over \$200, it must be voted on by the membership present.

A vote was motioned by Cynthia Valentine and seconded by Carrie Martinez, approved by a voice vote.

Side discussion on grant process. Concern was expressed that other grade level teams be given the same opportunity to come to PTA with requests. Cynthia explained that all teams could do the same, and in past others have brought requests. The delay in having a board in place this year, and the lack of fundraising this year has made it impossible to do a full request program as has been done in the past. The last large scale grant program that was done was with the fun run. Board is discussing ways to implement for future and hope to create a committee that would run this, so contact the board if you have an interest.

- Internet awareness - Jamie Kulp

This event will happen next Wednesday, 3/4, from 5:30-7pm. 90 minutes of discussion and information about resources for parents. Dinner will be provided and kids are welcome. Signups are slow going but smaller will be a more intimate time and allow for better discussions. Question was asked about what dinner served will be(Jimmy Johns.)

- Business partnerships - Tammy Truax

Email was sent to committee chairs to see where we want to consolidate our efforts with business outreach. Received many responses.

Explanation of difference between partnerships/donations. Goal is to work with smaller family owned businesses to develop a partnership that can benefit both ways.

Looking at what was submitted and how they overlap. Some items are needed for multiple events. Narrowing it down and more to come.

Suggestion to contemplate how that the sponsors will be advertised as a selling point. Request for advertising to be across the board in order to not create bad feelings by MVE family businesses.

More info to come as this program is developed.

- **Teacher appreciation - Kristal Kupferman**

Luncheon in January went well, didn't have to purchase food to supplement contributions and there was plenty to eat! Thank you to all families that sent in items and to the ladies who helped with set up and clean up! Our volunteers had not previously helped with any events and it was great to have new faces!

We're working on conference week catered dinner for teachers. Working with board to choose restaurant to work with based on their outreach.

Also looking ahead to teacher appreciation week. Starting to plan what we will do to celebrate our amazing MVE staff while not overwhelming families or staff. Discussion of what week to do our appreciation week led to decision to align with National Teacher Appreciation Week, so May 4-8. This year we plan to replace door decorating with stars decorated by kids for all staff in their lives. Plan is to send them home in folders with a flyer to give families info about how our school will be celebrating staff. Discussion of reaching out to the art teacher and counseling staff to give kids opportunities and support to create stars. Kristal and Admin will reach out. Kristal to plan with committee and will provide more info at next meeting.

- **Restaurant fundraisers - Tammy Truax and Nella Dagnillo**

CPK was last week and it was 20% of sales with flyer or mention, haven't heard back on total.

Every other month is the plan. Next is going to be Mod Market with 50% of sales between 5-7 pm possibly.

Question on if PTA has done the king soopers program for fundraising. Cynthia reported that box top chair has been talking to King Soopers about possibly getting this set up, as it is an easy one time effort to sign up for families.

- **FAN fest - Cynthia Valentine**

PTA has been asked to help create a photo booth for families to utilize. Carrie Martinez volunteered to organize the background and after discussion it was decided to locate it in lobby location previously utilized for Back to School Bash.

Discussion on if it was possible for a photographer to "sponsor" this and take photos, but experience at past events shows this is difficult for some that have no photo release at school. Suggestion of possibly having someone (staff volunteer?) take pictures for families on their own camera or phone.

- Open discussion (time permitting)
 - Request to put minutes on PTA page of school website. Jill will work with board to get those posted*
 - Discussion of how to best communicate to the parent community for Teacher Appreciation Week so that families understand that this is our big end of year celebration of our staff. It falls so close to end of year and admin expressed worry that families feel obligated to do something for both events.*
- Reminders
 - Next PTA meeting Tuesday, 17 March 2020, 6:30pm, 21c

It was brought to attention that the book fair will be set up, so

meeting will move to 2/3 pod

- Thank you for coming!

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm by Cynthia Valentine

Minutes prepared by Kristal Kupferman