**PTO Meeting, Wednesday, February 26th, 2025**

Meeting called to order at 12:00 PM.

**Attendees**:

Angel Herrick

Rachel Schmelzle

Jen Bowman

Meisha Gaye Pon

Rocio Martinez

Brooke Walter

Deanna Rinehart

Philip Dattilo

Marie Austria

Megan Clay

Approval of prior meeting minutes

**Reports**

1. Principal Report - Angel Herrick
   1. Proud of student work, working on budget approvals. Numbers are stable, not necessarily hiring for next year.
   2. On a hold for school choice.
   3. Working on learning more about autism, hoping to offer a book study on this as well as the anxious generation.
   4. Outdoor classroom bid was ~$130k, much more than what has been budgeted (~75k). This was just for the shade structure and concrete. The district is trying to get bids at a lower range over the next month. Will potentially apply for grants next year regarding plants/foliage.
   5. Family engagement survey did not have a brisk response overall, but Zach had top scores.
   6. Hopeful that cuts in federal funding won’t affect Zach
2. Teacher report –Ms. Walter / Ms. Defazio
   1. Appreciate the soup bar and yogurt parfait
   2. CMAS testing occurs right after spring break
3. Treasurer Report -Jennifer Bowman
   1. Re: mini-grants, have spent ~$3k and $2k approved; still another $3k available
   2. In April a budget proposal will be presented, will need to be approved in May
4. FundRunTeam – Marie Austria
   1. will start meeting soon, will potentially scale things back a bit
5. Fall Festival / Back to School bash– Deanna Rinehart / Meisha Gaye Pon
   1. First choice 9/5
   2. Cost ~$7.5k
6. Scholastic Book Fair –Rachel Schmelzle
   1. Late October/early November
   2. A co-chair would be ideal
7. Book Bowl – Lisa Ordonez
8. Staff Appreciation – Megan Clay
   1. Luncheon 3/26
9. School Pictures
10. Yearbook – Ally Black
11. Library – Ally Black
12. Directory Committee-
13. New Business-
    1. 3rd Grade Mini Grant – purchase prisms & kaleidoscopes, as well as a subscription to a math based website - $270.24
    2. 2nd Grade Mini Grant – field trip, buses were paid out of their budget, $310
    3. 1st grade – field trip to Timnath, $300 for buses
14. Old Business - Lisa Ordonez will become the secretary, Rocio Martinez will be the treasurer; still need to fill Crystal’s position for the FundRun (will be 10/10, rain date 10/24)

Meeting is adjourned at 1:00 pm.