**PTO Meeting, Wednesday, April 2, 2025**

Meeting called to order at 12:08 PM.

**Attendees**:

Angel Herrick

Greg Spalding

Rachel Schmelzle

Jen Bowman

Lisa Ordoñez

Rocío Martinez

Meisha-Gaye Pon

Megan Clay

Stephanie Spalding

Marie Austria

Phil Datillo

Deanna Rinehart

Approval of prior meeting minutes

**Reports**

1. Principal Report - Angel Herrick
   1. Retirement – Ms. Cook 3rd grade. Not rehiring, 3rd grade will have one less class.
   2. Hiring for classified positions. Ms. Schilling moving to 2nd grade. Hired Mr. Bannick for media site manager & still hiring media tech. Completed hiring interviews for ELD paraprofessionals, still hiring for academic paraprofessionals. Posting for registrar/secretary to replace Mr. Bannick. Hiring another CBA professional for autism. Hiring another behavior paraprofessional to work with Ms. Fierro.
   3. Budget – we are at our projected number of students (491) so we can’t take more choice at this time.
   4. Testing – going smoothly.
   5. Traffic light – planning to do it this summer. Approved by the board. City engineer is working on it. We will have additional buses next year with new autism program. We are concerned about the light slowing down traffic.
   6. Outdoor classroom – no new news. Design is much more expensive than the money we have. District bidding using the funds we currently have, with scaled down version of our design.
2. Teacher report –Ms. Walter / Ms. Defazio
   1. Testing Is underway, going smoothly
   2. Appreciate the international luncheon
3. Treasurer Report -Jennifer Bowman
   1. Re: mini-grants, still another $3k available
   2. Presented proposed budget – we are in a healthy financial position for next year. We will need to be approved in May
4. FundRunTeam – Marie Austria
   1. Had first meeting. Partnering again with B2SB & directory for sponsorships.
   2. Feedback from last year was that prize drawings were somewhat disruptive and work for the teachers. We are scaling that back next year.
   3. Will need a meeting with Angel to set fundraising goal and approve class prizes.
   4. Fund Run got a new volunteer but could always use more.
5. Fall Festival / Back to School bash– Deanna Rinehart / Meisha-Gaye Pon
   1. Airbound contract is done.
   2. Coordinating with FundRun for fundraising packages.
   3. Meisha finalizing food trucks
6. Scholastic Book Fair –Rachel Schmelzle
   1. Late October/early November
   2. We need another Co-chair
7. Book Bowl – Lisa Ordoñez
   1. Meeting at the end of April deciding 3rd & 4th grade lists.
   2. We need 3rd grade volunteers for next year
8. Staff Appreciation – Megan Clay
   1. Around the world luncheon went well
   2. End of CMAS we are providing a surprise cookie treat for teachers
   3. Staff appreciation week on the week of May 5
9. Yearbook – Ally Black
10. Library – Ally Black
11. New Business-
    1. 4th Grade Mini Grant – 2 field trips in May. Covering the cost of 15 families for 2 field trips. Asking $300, may end up costing less.
    2. Office Mini Grant – donations to Little Shop of Physics, doing presentations this Thursday for K-4 - $500
    3. Marie expressed concern about PTO mini grants being used to pay for buses for families that are able to pay but just forget. Angel says we can’t demand payment, we can’t overcharge other families to cover the difference, and ‘free & reduced’ list is confidential, principal doesn’t even have access so we can’t tell which families need financial assistance and which families do not. We are planning a meeting with Stacey & Ms. Fierro to discuss what is possible for the PTO to do to solve this. We will create an estimate based on this year’s bus mini grants.
    4. Introduction from Rocío – treasurer for next year.

Meeting is adjourned at 1:15 pm.