

Gold Rush Elementary PTO Meeting

October 7, 2022

Welcome - meeting called to order at 7:45am

Approvals

- September meeting minutes - will approve at next meeting (Nov)
- One \$50 GC for each of our Digger Dash DJs (2 total) Mrs. Evans and Mr. Brackfield - approved
- \$76.06 for Halloween candy bars and ribbon for teachers/staff - approved

Officer Reports

- President/VP - need help getting teacher candy bar gifts ready and in mail boxes for the Friday before Halloween. No school on Halloween day. *see notes throughout the agenda for President notes as touched on. Cori counted tickets from Western Night and has the breakdown for each area, pizza was 1,200 and covered the cost of the pizza and water! Erika is putting all feedback on each event that we put on, just so we can reference for the next year. It is linked on Slack and the PTO drive. Will talk about making the drive accessible to all members in the future.
 - Good feedback to be a Paw Print on the back to school night and present the schedule of all events for the year to prepare families.
- Treasurer - Digger Dash fundraising is down from previous years. Would like to revisit after Fall Break to access. Looking at the comparison on the ask of each family this year compared to last year. Getting some feedback from families asking about this year vs. last year. It is comparable to pre-covid, thinking we will receive more as we approach the deadline. Possible transition year moving away from paper forms, does that make a difference? Last year, we did \$27k. Last year, we did have company matches, which could make a difference. We also doubled the amount we brought in for shout outs this year. Still waiting on reimbursements from Western Night, so we can get final numbers. Requested approval from the District so Jillian can read reports since all is going through MySchoolBucks.
- Principal - Yesterday was the congratulations assembly for the fastest kids from the digger dash. It was such a great event and a great way to close the event. Jenny saw our Superintendent and discussed exactly where the money goes and feedback on what we could see for the community. Talking about having the kids run the Sock Hop event this year, from the Young Rotarians group! Working out all the logistics, this will be so exciting. Finishing up the back playground for fences is wrapping up before Conferences, this should all be done before Fall Break! The second phase will be the unused area for shade, etc. Starting to look through catalogs for Digger Dash funds for Playground equipment. Will have approvals go through PTO and Student Council, also will go through District vendors. Hoping for a Springtime deadline.

Old/Ongoing Business

- **Teacher Grants**
 - \$150 per teacher for eligible classroom items - almost have all of them done! The goal is to get everyone reimbursed.
 - All grant requests were due by September 30, 2022
 - So much appreciation from all of the teachers.
- **Digger Dash**
 - Work on getting donations in - working on a deadline, week after coming back from Fall Break, and flier to push the end goal. There are a lot of ideas in the process of "being competitive" for next years. We just need to keep the

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consistency in years to come, so verbiage will not be confusing. Add in company matching into our social media to raise more attention.

- Signs visible have been very powerful. Signs were made w/QR codes and a progress tracker. Have been taking a lot of advice from professionals. We may fall short this year, but it is going towards where we want the more “modern” vision going. The biggest take away from this year was how perfect the day went and how supportive the families were at showing up and cheering all the kids on.
- A huge THANK YOU to our chairs, Ryan and Kelsey, and all our volunteers!
- Big takeaway is being digital this year, eliminating counting money each day and any discrepancies.
- Exploring the idea of how to put more of a gap between Western Night and Digger Dash, and distinguishing which is a fundraiser to clarify to the school families.
- **Shed/outdoor storage**
 - School must purchase
 - Approximate cost is \$4500

New Business

- **Spirit Wear**
 - Kelsey Hillier and Jillian Talbot have been working on new designs, there were so many design options! Just not practical to have in all sizes, etc.
 - The Student Council voted on one! Gold Rush with paw print won between student council and teachers.
 - The teachers love being able to wear it!
 - The school has had more orders in the first 2 weeks of school than all of last year!
 - Will be cutting down on color, ect options. Very low on inventory right now, so looking to get more in!
 - Determining how best to make available
 - Pre-order sale through MySchoolBucks to add on to bulk order from the company - benefit will be more comfy shirts.
 - Bulk order - typically there is a 2 week sale, but order is not fulfilled until after the sale is over. Next year, it would be a great idea to do a summer order.
 - Would like to run the sale over Fall Break! Will have black and red shirt options.
 - Kaci has another company that we can look at to help with the ordering, shipping and packaging going forward.
- **Book Fair**
 - Erika, Lynette, and Kaci will be chairs, transition year from Ronni.
 - Met with Ronni on 10/5
 - November 14-18
 - Will need 2-3 volunteers for each shift, will be sending out a sign-up genius.
 - Biggest piece is making sure PTO volunteers are present to handle cash. Counting Scholastic separately from the Library stickers and pencils.
 - Jenny is meeting with the tech department to figure out the server on how to get a better internet connection and could really help this event.
 - We have a coin counter, and wanted to look into also a cash counter to help count all of the cash, which is always a lot. Will need 2 PTO members to count cash.
- **Holiday Market**
 - Need to begin planning/purchasing - get something on the calendar. Have been in contact with another company, want to run ideas by Jenny!
 - December 5th-9th is the tentative date for this event.

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- Denver based company (FUN Services) that facilitates, also looking at different options.
- **Conference Meals**
 - We are providing food during the week of parent/teacher conferences
 - Dinner on the 11th and 13th
 - Breakfast and snacks on the 12th and 14th
 - Need help setting up/cleaning up each day
 - Passed around sign-up and will post on the app!
 - Sending out menu to the teachers so they will know what they will have available for food on conference days
- **Help for event chairs**
 - Document outlining roles and responsibilities

Housekeeping

- Next meeting is November 4th, 2022 (changed from Nov 11th)
- Meeting adjourned at 10:45am