

Pto meeting September 9th

### **District visitor**

Danny a sub superintendent? (this is not his actual title) from the district came and talked for about 45 minutes about the district's hopes with the bond / mill Levy bill.

Specifically we discussed that teacher salaries would increase with 85% of part of the funds, and then buildings would use the 450 million dollar part of the funds. There was a question and answer session.

### **Principal announcements**

Principal Jenny Brown then presented. The school has to use its roll-over funds. These include planning for new playground equipment adding shade structures and installing a small soccer field with turf on the back playground. Hopefully digger dash funds can provide additional playground equipment.

When the PTO meeting started, due to time we quickly moved into approvals. The new budget was approved with additions that were noted including adding in spirit rock, and adjusting all direct GRE fundraising to be deposited into the GRE main account to avoid fees being assessed to PTO. This specifically affects digger dash Donations and book fair Money and fees. The digger DASH Cost was also adjusted on the budget based off of current expenses.

Our treasurer explained that PTO is charged a fee from the district based off of the amount of money that passes through our accounts annually. To lower our fee we were advised by the district to deposit money that PTO does not use but that is intended for school use directly into the school's account. Additionally fees or costs associated with those funds being raised could directly be paid by the school. The district has stated that PTO is still able to assist with these activities but does not need to process the funds. At other schools PTOs do not process these funds.

The new budget Approval was proposed by Leila and seconded by Erika.

For digger dash this year it was decided to print a trifold flier to send home to parents. The flier cost \$918. Leila proposed we reimburse the cost to Ryan and Jillian seconded the motion.

We approved the meeting minutes from our last meeting Leila proposed Amber 2nd.

### **Officer reports**

Principal had already presented prior to the meeting starting

Our treasurer shared with the group that anything with a gift card will not be reimbursed by the district so please do not use gift cards in your purchases.

Our treasurer shared with us a policy that she learned that the district that fees such as the flyers used for our fundraiser could in the future be paid by the school either from an invoice from the supplier or using a credit card that each school is given from the district. However after something is paid we cannot get reimbursed by the school, but we can even things out in our accounting down the road.

### **Western night**

### **Teacher grants**

### **Digger dash**

It was requested that we have volunteers help package the fundraiser flyers in stacks of 25 to be delivered to the teacher's. Kaci, Leila, Erika and Kelsey volunteered to assist today with that project.

### **Shed/outdoor storage**

We did not have time to discuss this item other than it is pending but the amount is not approved.

### **New business**

#### **Book Fair**

We need to establish co-chairs for the Book fair. Volunteers included Kaci Nice, Lynette, and Erica Aelmore.

It was proposed that these 3 ladies would form a committee that covered both book fairs. And approved.

Book fair is November 14th through 18th

Amber shared that Gail told her when we set up book fair it is important that we request cash, not scholastic points.

### **Housekeeping**

Our next meeting was changed to October 7th due to the upcoming fall break.

## **Ideas shared**

When our signs are not being used for something else it might be a nice idea to randomly have signs advertising around Car loop and the back hill things like our spirit rock, teacher's favorite things, the PTO website, or other items like that that would help parents become more aware of these tools that they could access.

Amber shared with us the conversation she had with Gail about an upcoming fundraiser the district is holding between libraries. They want libraries to collect socks for an outside organization. The library that collects the most socks would get a gift card for the library. This fundraiser runs from November 1st to 14th which overlaps our book fair.

- Amber will get more information about this fundraiser and report back to PTO
- It was mentioned that previously when the fundraisers do not directly tie into the PTO Mission that we have been advised we are not to participate in it. We will need more information to find out where this falls.

It was proposed that an option be added to my school bucks to make library donations.