

PTA Board Meeting

March 5, 2019

1. Approve minutes from last meeting

Amy Wolin made a motion to approve the minutes from last month's meeting

Davis Rapp - 1st

Claiborne Linvill - 2nd

Motion passes. Minutes approved.

2. President info

a. General Meeting Tuesday, March 26 – conflict with 5th grade. Meeting moved to March 19. 6:30-7:30 and offer a treat for incentive. Meeting to be held on the Kindergarten playground.

b. 2nd graders classes build sailboats and race them against other schools. District is moving this event to Liberty Elementary, which leaves the need for transportation to get students to Liberty. Can they use Artist in Residence money to pay for this transportation? Maybe \$575. Board agreed to use the money for this purpose.

Robert Craft approached the Board to have a Gullah/Geechee speaker for the 2nd grade classes. The 2nd grade teachers would need to approve this and does it fall under Artist in Residence. Maybe hold onto it for next year? It was discussed that the grade levels decide if it is a program they want to pursue, and then the PTA approves it. Board advised Rob advised to type up something to present to Mrs. Clark and then hopefully, the teachers will discuss it and present it to the PTA for approval.

c. It is time for position planning and recruiting for next year PTA positions. Let Amy know if you want to stay in position or want a change.

3. Principal information – Michelle Craddock

Finnish Fridays! If grade levels want to participate, they are allowed to define what they want and what would work for those grades. Teachers have incorporated “brain breaks” into their daily schedule. This could potentially carry through to next year.

Trying to include more social and emotional pieces – relationship building activities and directed activities that involve the teachers more. This is not “extra recess” – it is structured play. PTA might be able to earmark money (Artist in Residence) to put towards purchasing equipment, games, etc. Maybe link this into the teacher grants.

4. Teacher information- Julie Simoneaux

- a. Feedback on budget surplus. Team of grade chairs met, and they like the idea of part of the budget staying in Artist in Residence. A lot were in favor of putting money towards playground equipment.
5. Budget- Pam Warren
- a. Bingo Night – Brought in a total of \$1,243
 - b. Fundraising number is increasing thanks to spirit sticks – almost made \$900
 - c. Buddy Bench – received _____
 - d. Grants are mostly in. Waiting on a few receipts. There is enough \$ for 37 mini grants (\$1,800). We need a quick turnaround – 30 days. Can lump grade levels together \$50 per homeroom teacher - individual or grade level grants
 - e. Next Year's Budget
We need to vote on the budget at a general meeting – we need a draft budget to approve in March. We can amend early next school year if needed.
 - Cut bonus bucks fundraiser unless we have a volunteer to do it
 - Movie night bingo – need an event or cause to get behind.
 - Goal is to have an event in the Fall and Spring.
 - Teacher App – moving to November
 - Fall Fest, Winter Movie, Int'l Fest, Spring Event
 - Keeping Spirit Sticks alive for next year. Maybe we can branch out and contact additional schools.
 - Restaurant Night – need a volunteer
 - Clubs – any new clubs?
 - Eliminating After School Care from our budget and move that money to Library to cover the entire population of the school.
 - Surplus – what to do with leftover money? Maybe \$1,000 in Artist in Residence per grade? Pam to email Julie what is left in Artist in Residence.
6. International Festival - Claiborne Linvill
- a. Being held this Saturday
 - b. 20 tables signed up
 - c. Volunteer numbers look low
 - d. Crafts set up in grade hallways
 - e. Kuk Sul Won – in Cafeteria
 - f. Teachers to get involved – perhaps a parent can volunteer to cover lunch so they can have a duty free lunch for incentive – 10 teachers would be ideal
 - g. Set up 6-8 on Friday
7. Reflections – haven't set a date for reception.
8. Restaurant Night

- a. March-Mc Teacher Night – Thursday, March 21 (teacher signup – can it be a google doc)
- b. April-Jersey Mikes

9. Teacher Appreciation

- a. Sending a letter
- b. Working on getting donations
- c. We have the following arranged for the teachers:
 - Monday - Donuts
 - Tuesday – cookies
 - Wednesday - school supplies
 - Thursday - catered lunch (Signup genius for desserts)
 - Friday - school spirit day (Clemson Elem. School t-shirt)

10. Spring Fling

- a. Friday, May 3. 6-8 pm. Free to PTA members. \$8 for other families. Looking for a pizza place to preorder pizza. Pick up your dinner. Looking into a DJ. Drinks will be free – water bottles. Ideas were discussed about using drink tickets?
- b. Dessert – maybe an ice cream truck? Someone mentioned the King of Pops or Sunset Slush.
- c. Dancing. Cornhole boards. Giant Jenga. Make a Twister board (Davis to get white fabric for free). Beach volleyball. String up lights.

11. Any Other Business

- a. Month of the Military Child – April. Jill Kiss would like to suggest we Purple Up for Military Children on a specific day in April. Maybe we can schedule this for April 26. It was discussed that a small breakfast be served to the children in the school population that have a parent in a branch of the Military. A small group of members will look into planning this.

12. Robert Craft discussed that he would be willing to offer a discount at his shop (Newtique Boutique) for Clemson Families to his shop.

Meeting adjourned.