PTA Meeting Minutes 02.01.23

Attendees:

1. Approval of minutes December 7th/2023 - approved with no opposition

2. Principal Report, Janelle Nelson-Gardner
   - Spelling Bee was on Monday. Top two spellers are going to the next level: Golden Mitchell is hosting this year.
   - Teachers participated in a “learning lab” this week. Identifying something they want to take a look at in someone's classroom. Then they’ll research to plan around the topic in their own classroom.
   - Fifth grade musical was last week. Successful!
   - Leadership Golden was last week. Mrs NG spoke with the Golden area principals as part of a panel on the leadership role.
   - American Heart Association fundraiser and learning has kicked off.
   - Grant from the City of Golden and thriving communities was received. $50,000 for outdoor eating area. Next steps phase 2: picnic tables, and phase 3: shade (part of it).

3. Teacher Report, Laura Frappaolo
   - Field trips are using PTA Excel funds.
   - Teachers are preparing for the next parent-teacher conferences (middle of Feb)

4. Financial Report, Allison Ridenour (unable to attend), Meghan reported
   - $7,000 budgeted from business members. To date $8,000 has been received. Plus another $1,000 (not accounted yet).
   - Great job done on sponsorship so far.
   - Excel funds approved by Mrs NG: 5th-Boondocks, 2nd and Kinder -Frog and Toad Play at Arvada Center

5. Committees/Programs Reports

Hospitality: Rebecca/Laureen
   - Back to school bag lunch was done
   - Next event: parent-teacher conferences
EDI: Mandy
- Parent Education Night will be in early April. Speaker: Katie Bradford (part of the Colorado diversity network and Denver Academy).
- Better together: trying to match this with A week without hate (April 23rd, 24th?). Goal: kids express themselves (Not just a board poster, maybe a video, etc). Silent disco. Christmas requests for recipes got a couple of submissions/continue spreading this to get more.

Garden - Alexa
- Garden is getting ready to reopen. A School of Mines student who worked on the cold frames is now doing a new project with us: mini lessons for the garden aligned with the school’s schedule/tailored for grade. This will be on Mondays and Wednesdays at recess. Volunteers opportunities: shopper (for materials/stuff for the lessons), people to get water out to the garden (before it is turned on at the end of April), families to adopt the garden one week at a time during Summer (to weed and water it).
- Earth day April 22nd (5-7pm celebration)

Fundraising - Monica - Cassi (unable to attend)
- No updates other than what was said in the financial report.

Communications - Jen, Natalie
- How to reach non-Mitchell people?

SAC (formerly MCAT) – School Accountability Committee. Emily (unable to attend)
- No updates

6. Old Business

Spirit Wear - Jen/Mackenzie
- 41 sweatshirts were sold. Still 30ish available. Cost was already covered.

MLK Week of Giving - Courtney J. (unable to attend)
- No updates

Cannonball Creek Fundraiser - Renee
- Date: Feb. 22nd (5-9pm). 10% goes to the PTA. Have printed QR codes for direct donations.
- No raffle this year. One food truck (might be more).

Talent Show/Open Mic Night - Matt
- Show: March 14th 5pm. Rehearsal/Audition: March 13th
- Feb. 15th it is the information coming in the Friday Note.

Western on Washington - Renee
- Keep pushing tickets to family and friends.
• There are volunteering opportunities.
• 34 tickets sold so far.

7. New Business

Cupcake Fundraiser - Mackenzie

• Orders so far:
  o For teachers 19-2 pack, 3 dozens.
  o For individuals 41-2 pack, 3 dozens
• $3 every 2 pack. $8 dozen

Sustainability Initiatives - Sarah B. & Ali S.

• Ideas for birthdays celebration: suggest making more sustainable choices. Ex. Include this in the newsletter.
• How to enhance sustainability actions at Mitchell?
• Improve communication on what is done.
• Actions done at Mitchell: lighting improvements in the classrooms, city recycling project, air monitor, no compost is allowed, etc (Mrs NG)
• ELF team is working to include some climate topics next year.

Other

• Topic for next meeting: Welchester Elementary: 5K April 27th. Mitchell might sponsor this (Mrs. NG).

Adjourned at 7:07pm-

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 7th, 6-7pm - Mitchell Cafeteria