

PTA Meeting 11/30/16

Meeting started at 9:35

Welcome from President, Emily Korff. Introductions.

Principal Update:

-Only 15 days until Winter break. Book Fair, Sock Hop, and Reflections were all successful events. Mini grants are looked forward to as being awarded. Hoping conferences were successful as they are finishing up. Teachers available as needed for parent conferences.

-Upcoming events. Holiday Stroll tonight. LAES choir performs from 6:40 -7:00 and at DC Tree Lighting next week. Winter concert too. Sing-a-long on the last day of school with a visit from Santa. Canned food drive finished in conjunction with Madison PTA. Participating in Toys for Tots Program. We look forward to working with our social workers and counselors to pair with a church to support families in need.

President:

-PTA Holiday Party may be delayed as a new year's party. Withers will host party and looking for a committee to help plan. Twitter site looks great! Nice to see what is happening at school on the feed. Linked to LAES website.

-How to provide money to school to meet technology needs - computers are needed. Would you rather spend down reserves or fundraise to purchase computers. The speed of computers is an issue - Very frustrating for teachers and students. Minimum of 24 computers wanted. Approximately \$16,800 cost. 32 computers makes a class set. Currently have 8 up to date computers. PTA should consider a line item for technology on going in budget. Audit committee recommended to spend down reserves. We have \$10,000 in reserves that we could consider spending down to purchase new computers and/or We could fundraise for computers. The school has an Amazon wish list. Could ask parents to donate specifically to computers. Create line item for computers for parents to donate to. Cathy and Mary will create fundraising document. Mary moves that we add an expense item for \$10,000 to buy computers for school. 2nd from Gergana. Motion passes \$10,000 from PTA budget for computers. Create flier to purchase additional computers. Need to determine how this affects budget.

Treasurer:

-Budget presented. Azzara Fund can't be used for teacher appreciation items. Fund held to field trips, school supplies, and class shirts.

Old Business:

-Minutes approved from October meeting. Mary moved to pass approval. Elizabeth 2nd.

#### Reflections:

-2nd highest number of entries ever. Successful reflections ceremony. New chairs needed for next year.

#### Mini Grants:

-Spent all but \$37 allocated. Teachers are very thankful for grants. Budget was \$10,000.

#### Book Fair:

-Did well in sales. About the same as last year, which is, great considering it was closed election day. Approximately \$17 - \$18K in sales. All proceeds go back to library. Interested to learn how vouchers went to decide if we do them in the future. Over 1/2 of them offered were used. Each voucher was for 1 book up to \$10 (value).

#### Science Fair:

-Considering a rename for the event. 6th grade not required to participate this year. Registration open in classes. Have teachers promote. Going to record a video to promote.

Dining for Dollars on December 6th at Molly's and Italian Gourmet.

Cookie Carry on December 12th

End of labels for education. \$5,179 to benefit school.

Continuing to order spirit wear.

January 23rd next meeting.

Adjourn at 10:39