

Foothills Elementary PTA Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, October 14, 2022, 9:15 AM
Foothills Elementary Library

Members Present: McKenna Christensen, Alexis Tanner, Whitney Joseph, Cherie Wilson, Amy Dimick, Stacey Harnois, Heather Belcher, Maddie Purser

Members Excused: Chaly Jones, Holly King, Michelle Michaels, Ralina Kellis, Trish Lewis, Kim Buttle, Pamela Bentley, Morgan Meyers, Tabitha Herd, Clarisa Wanlass, Kylie Devey, Paula Berven, Jen Gallagher, Kim Haussler, Kimber Probst

Call to order: 9:28 am

Pledge: Alexis Tanner

The agenda was reviewed and adopted as amended.

The minutes of the September board meeting were accepted as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Whitney Joseph

- \$468 spent for grandparents breakfast
- Scholastic book fair, we give them money and then we get it back
- Corn dog truck from the Carnival money came in
- Mod Pizza spirit night we earned \$342.19
- We don't know how much we made from Kneaders yet

Principal: Cherie Wilson

- Zao teacher dinner was appreciated
- No complaints about allergies or dietary restrictions
- There was a lot so everyone was fed
- Are the Skylerts working well for PTA? Yes, things are being sent out for the PTA.

President: McKenna Christensen

- Thank you notes being passed around to sign for businesses who donated to the Carnival
- Teachers can earn tickets through October 20th and we will do drawings for prizes on October 20th
- We do try to include aids as much as possible when we give things to the teachers
- Kylie is picking up Spirit Wear this morning. We really want to get it out next week before fall break. We're going to try to divide out and label today to get it ready for next week.
- We talked about doing a surprise snack cart on November 1st - maybe something healthier to help with all the sugar from Halloween.
- Post-event forms are on the PTA website for any feedback from events - good feedback, bad feedback, suggestions for next time, all feedback is welcome.

- Some feedback on grandparents day - possibly extend to 9:30am so grandparents can visit the classrooms and make sure they get through the book fair or maybe do it in the afternoon so grandparents can stay after school for a bit?
 - Walk to read starts at 9:05am and it's on a strict schedule
 - Maybe move book fair checkout to the hall because it was backing up into the book fair, making it hard to look at the books and move around
 - Some grandparents wanted to give the books to the kids, but school had already started so some aids and Cherie helped get the books to the students
 - Maybe some grandparents may even go to book fair first learning from this year's experience
 - It also helped to let people in early when they came and by 8:45am the line to the cafeteria was done, but that's also when the book fair got crazy.
 - Possibly make 2 lines - book fair and breakfast - so people can choose which to do first. That can help with book fair lines.
 - Book fair made about \$5000 that morning!
- Individual development commissioner is still open
- Angel tree - Alysha wanted to get it up at the Cultural Fair. We can have gift cards on it if we don't have families yet
 - Cherie is the only one who knows who the families are for the Angel tree. If you know a family who has a need, let Cherie know and she will contact them
 - Student council can help wrap presents
 - There's wrapping paper in the PTA closet
- We also lost our awards coordinator - there's a place on the website for people to say when teachers and staff have done a good job

Family Life Commissioner: Amy Dimick

- Room parents - everyone has one except Mrs. Cloward, but she's combining with Tao
- Halloween reminders were sent out last week for parties since it's the day after fall break
- Amy has been giving teacher birthday gifts (cookies)
- Amy included a question on the volunteer list to see if people would like a classroom directory - everyone has to mark a form if they want to be included or not
 - This will be sent home to parents
 - This needs to be a certain form because of privacy laws - Cherie will confirm that the laws are followed
 - We will also translate the form into Spanish

Education Commissioner: Heather Belcher

- Stacy Harnois: Battle of the Books is going well. Co-coordinator Dana has been working on all the buttons. They are being delivered Fridays. The kids seem to be excited about the buttons and lanyards, it's motivating for them. The BOB books that were at the book fair were some of the first to go. The packet that was sent home to help with BOB will also be sent home at the end of the school year so students can read during the summer and so they can start recording books. Books are released in the spring so we have enough time to get the lists out before the end of the school year.

- We had talked about a minimal reading number of books to be on a team. Stacy would like to reinforce that. We talked about putting 5 kids on a team. Should we agree that each kid needs to have read 4 or 5 books before the teams meet? Let's do 4 as the minimum by January. If we only have a few kids with a few books read, we can distribute them among the teams. Parents and teachers need to be aware. Maybe just encourage kids to read 4 because we want to make it available to all kids.
 - Cherie will send an email before fall break so students have a chance to read over the break. We can also find videos on YouTube or Google classroom where they are reading these books to help people read more.
 - There's a special button for the lanyards for kids who read 7 books before winter break
- Some teachers are requiring kids to be involved and they are reading some of the books in class.
- We will give kids one more chance to pick a buddy to be on their team.
- Students needs to be signed up by October 20th
- For those who only read 1 or 2 books, maybe they can do a separate battle? This may make kids feel left out. Less than $\frac{1}{3}$ of the kids read 3 or less books last year. We also have better tracking this year.
- We can help kids individually read a few more books where needed.
- There is a district battle which is why we need to read these certain books provided by BOB. We can use a different list if we decide to keep the battles in the school only.
- Blookit - you can create your own program (similar to Kahoot) to create BOB questions to help kids practice. They can't be the same questions as in the battle. We need to make sure the author and book title are used the way that they are in the battle.
 - There's a new law that says we can't use certain programs for kids unless it's on our district website. A lot of websites share student information so we need to make sure it's approved by the district. Cherie is looking into this program to see if it's approved. Elementary Schools are not allowed to use Quizlet.
- Stacy wrote down some stats:
 - 200 students enrolled
 - 190 books read for 3rd/4th
 - 240 books read for 5th/6th
 - This information will be put on social media
- How were teacher's notified that they each got \$100 credit for the Book Fair? Some teacher's didn't know. We think it was an email that was sent to teachers, but Heather will look into it to make sure all teacher's know about the credit. We probably need to send a reminder email to make sure teachers see it before the book fair happens. Kids will be getting credits for the book fair in the spring.
- There was a drawing during Green Ribbon week, but it was not associated with the PTA
- There are red ribbons in the PTA closet

- Patriotic Week: we have a budget for decorations and stickers we can give to kids.
 - Utahpta.org does an essay contest kids can participate in.
 - The PE teacher, Juliana, is former military and may have some ideas. Could we do a mini boot camp during PE? And dress in camo?
 - The 5th grade Patriotic program will happen during that week
 - Maddie's neighborhood puts flags in their yards and she knows who stores them. Maybe we could borrow those to put outside the school.
 - Stacy would like to know if there's a photo backdrop we could put in the budget? If not, she can purchase one. The backdrop may be made out of a refrigerator box. You could tape together a few science presentation boards. We need them accessible to teachers and can put them in the PE closet.
 - We can also see if businesses will donate to veterans and active military who are at the 5th grade patriotic program.
 - Follow the flag website
 - Maybe we can do a special flag ceremony before school?

Health & Safety Commissioner: given by McKenna Christensen

- Red Ribbon week starts on Halloween 31st - It will be similar to green ribbon week, but without an assembly

Communications Commissioner: Maddie Purser

- It would be good for Maddie to have access to the Instagram login so she can post when needed
 - Are weekly calendars beneficial for social media? They take a lot of work. We just need to make sure they are getting posted in enough time so parents can see them.

Motion by Amy Dimick: I move that we give Maddie Purser, who is the Communications Commissioner, access to the PTA Instagram account. Vote affirmative. Motion adopted.

- How can we make yearbook sales easier? Can we do it digital or earlier? The form can be online on the website and a skylert. Teachers can also send it. Some were collected after the due date last year.
 - Cover design contest for the yearbook. Clarisa would love some input on prizes for the contest. How should we vote to pick a winner? PTA can pick the top 5 and then the kids can vote on their favorite by putting tickets in a jar or ticket box that we have in the PTA closet. When do we want to do this? Maybe in January after Christmas break. Teachers can collect them. We can choose a top winner from each grade and let the kids vote. Maybe have kids choose a winner for their own grade and have it be a title page for each grade within the book. Maybe teachers can choose top 5 winners to put on the front cover and the whole school can vote. Maybe Mrs. Bervan can run this. We need a runner up so that whoever is chosen as the front cover has an additional picture to go in the book on their grade.

- The winner will go on the front cover and the runner up for that grade will go inside the yearbook.
- Winners can get a free yearbook.
- Our 20 year celebration will be in March. Start talking about the contest in January. We need to talk to the excellence committee to have this be the art contest as part of the activities for the 20 year celebration.
- We can put the 20 year seal in the top right of the cover of the yearbook..
- There is a photo release on Skyward when you register, but it's only for the school. The PTA needs to send out their own photo release form. Room parents don't have a list of all students so they can't help collect forms. Usually with the yearbook, there's only a handful of kids whose parents don't want them to be in it.

Calendar of events:

October

- 20: Battle of the Books Sign Ups End
- 20: End of Quarter 1
- 21: Grade Transmittal Day – No School
- 24-28: Fall Recess – No School
- 31: Halloween Class Parties & Parade
- 31-Nov 3: Red Ribbon Week

November

- 1: Start Collecting Family Names for Angel Tree
- 1: Report #1 Due to State PTA, Reflections Due to Council
- 11 @ 9:15am: PTA Executive Committee Meeting
- 4: Professional Development Day – No School
- 7-11: Patriotic Week
- 11: Spirit Day at FIIZ in Herriman
- 17 @ 6:30pm: PTA General Membership & November Board Meeting (Nominating Committee)
- 17 @ 4-7pm: Culture Fair at Foothills
- 23-25: Thanksgiving Break – No School
- 28: Angel Tree Collection Begins

Meeting adjourned at 11:44

Next meeting will be November 17th at 6:30pm.

Minutes accepted: _____ Secretary _____

Minutes placed in binder.

(Name)

(Title)