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Caleb Greenwood PTSO General Board Meeting 5:30pm, December 6, 2023

Meeting in Caleb Greenwood Action Center

A-1. Call to Order & Welcome

- a. Meeting was called to order at 5:36 PM

A-2. Roll Call of Executive Board Members

Present:

Shana Nijjar – President
Kelly Parks--Treasurer
Nancy Castignetti – Secretary
Rosanne Cherry – Teacher Rep
Julie Garrison – Auditor (tardy)

Additional:

Courtney Hurd-Parent
Jessica Harold-Parent

Absent:

Elise Brown – Parliament
Amy Botill – Member At Large
Tracey Weinstein – Vice President
Merrill Domondon - Co-Treasurer

A-3. Approval of Motions:

- a. Approved Dec Minutes
Ms. Cherry moved, Kelly seconded, minutes approved.

A-4. Teacher's Report—Samantha Trent (delivered by Ms. Cherry, in Ms. Trent's absence)

- a. 98% attendance at child-led parent-teachers conferences
- a. Teachers enjoyed coffee/beverage bar provided by PTSO
- b. Prop 28: Arts & Music in Schools Guaranteed Funding Act: This was passed and we will be receiving a large amount of funding for art and music at Caleb. We can think about how we should spend this money; PTSO already is paying for art & music teachers. We are not sure how much we will be receiving.
- c. School Tours: Jan 12th & 26th (same Fri's as Morning Sing)
- d. New compost system has started! There is a "share table," where kids can place the unopened snacks they haven't eaten. Uneaten food items are composted. We have a grant which helps educate the children with how to do all of these things.

A-5. Teacher's Report – Ms. Cherry

- a. Assemblies: Budget is \$3,000. We used to do Art Ark (Crocker art that travels to each school). This was discontinued the year of Covid-19, but now will be coming back for April 2024. It is a big trailer with an art docent, children explore it with their classmates and teacher. Phil Tolga: 2 assemblies (K-3, 4-6): he is a musician and teacher. This year his theme is Math & Mariachi.
- b. Spirit Days are starting in January: one day each month, with different themes.

A-6. President's Report – Shana Nijjar

- a. Martial Arts representatives came and worked with kids; signing up kids for Parents Night Out. They are donating costs back to Caleb, after they have covered the price of pizza.
- b. Loaves and Fishes was a success. There are Feb & May dates scheduled out (Thursdays): Feb 22, May 23.
- c. Art to Remember: all of the items were shipped back and teachers should be passing them out this week. We have raised ~\$2600 from this fundraiser.
- d. Jessica: The Rivercats will do assemblies for schools—for free! She will look into the topics, availability, etc. Ms. Cherry suggests that they should be able to give 2 assemblies (K-3, 4-6) and should last about 1/2 hour
- e. Yearbook sales: now posters are on the lawn to help promote, last day to order at a discounted rate is Dec 31st. Orders stop in March.
- f. First Place Spirit Wear (Caleb Merch): Shana is awaiting results to find out how much we've earned. She bought a bunch of samples (so people can get an idea for the quality and for sizing)
- g. Winter Concert: We are seeing if we can straddle start times for concerts so there will be more room for parents and easier parking.
- h. Jessica Harold will now help plan the monthly fundraiser dinners. She has spoken to several local spots and will keep us posted.
- i. Kelly will follow up with Sac City Brews, to get the check from our previous fundraiser there
- j. Shana: We need some help with planning for Dia (Literary Fundraiser): promoting reading, finding some type of schoolwide activity related to reading.
- k. Also looking for people to get involved with the spring fundraiser. We will need a new volunteer to take over décor. Some ideas: Denim & Diamonds, Luau, Fiesta (replay), decades/eras (1980s, 1920s, etc.). APRIL 27.
- l. Idea for Fund-A-Need: a new sound system (for kinder promotion, etc.), hopefully with surround sound.
- m. 6th grade dance: Any volunteers to help guide the kids through organizing this?
- n. Mendocino Falls: Shana has informed Ms. Trent and also to all the room parents so they'll send it out to the families.

A-7. Treasurer's Report—Kelly Parks

- a. There haven't been significant changes since last month. The 99 Pledges Jog-a-Thon check has been deposited, plus 3 teacher reimbursements that are in the process of being reimbursed.
- b. Kelly has ordered replacements for the damaged items from the heavy rainfall (Ms. Burghraef's class)

Meeting was adjourned at 6:46 PM.