

PTO Meeting Notes October 17, 2019

Basket Raffle

- Made \$6,512
- Profited \$5,720
- Spent \$791.45

17/18 Raffle made \$6,293

Recap Texas Roadhouse

- Profit \$196.41
- \$120 money order was deposited and remaining cash is being used for change for the cashbox

Mystery Donation

- \$52 from Clothing Bin

Balances

- CSSR PTO balance of \$9,374

Purchases

- Recess equipment \$340.39
- Scholastic \$640.85
- Miscellaneous \$3
- Texas Roadhouse \$23.59

Grade Level Funding Discussion Notes

- Separate accounts asked for grade level (1,2 & 3)
- Past there were separate accounts
- Concerns: a lot of work for the treasurer. Piano Lab, Art funnels accounts through PTO. Admin must approve accounts
- Could 1, 2, 3 have their own account?
A lot of work on the treasure with a lot of red tape. Have to do a lot of work on the fundraiser. Another perspective and different avenue. Solutions with having funds immediately?
- In the past, some teachers were denied and others are got the money. Make sure their is equity so one teacher isn't getting more and others denied due to lack of funds
- What could be cut from the PTO funding? Suggestion would be get rid of teacher appreciation gifts
- In the past, Yankee Candle raised \$500 per classroom it was K-2 maybe K-3
- The PTO said it can't do all these accounts
- Having individual accounts is a different story

- Classroom teachers don't have the same flexibility as generalist
- Reach every child like the garden it could be open to everyone
- When other accounts were open it was to benefit the whole school
- What are we going to do now?
- Gift cards?
- It doesn't feel feasible maybe use a generic gift card for freedom to spend
- PTO is on a volunteer basis. Compromise?
- Teachers would have to step up
- This would not go on the parent volunteer
- Can't have too many accounts and have to insurance, pull permits
- Could we have a separate fundraiser for CSS and SRE? Wouldn't want to divide it because CSS raises way more money than SRE
- Not sure there is any way to make it equitable
- Have the process on the PTO Facebook page to show teachers to get the funding request
- Don't have surplus due to funding
- If PTO held off on gift cards or give it early to have an experiment on what works best
- Basket fundraiser was less work than the teacher wish list because Vinnie had to do a lot of work
- Can PTO just write checks? State has to be taxed. Can't do checks because it's considered cash
- Put efforts into one whole fundraiser to raise money
- A slip of paper go home is waiting to be approved to wish not to participate and make a cash donation
- Parent rather know what a teacher needs verses do a fundraiser
- Teachers wish they had a ballpark budget per classroom
- Physical wish tree take them down and buy them
- If smaller things are funded, maybe fundraisers would be more successful
- Maybe a budget might be a better way to do this as a line item vs an account
- It has to be done by QuickBooks because the treasurer has to enter each teacher and makes it more work for the treasurer. It has to be given to accountant
- If PTO would be able to give a gift card, how much would it be? Maybe \$100?
- Restock contest, ask parents to maybe donate to Scholastic News
- How is it possible to make bigger purchases?
- Maybe need to wait for next meeting
- Furniture (standing desks) should be paid for by school, not PTO
- Teachers can't afford to pay for flexible seating with their own money
- Teachers need to stock their entire classroom
- What about grants? BEF are giving money
- Grassroots efforts need to be done
- Donors choose? Businesses match fund. It could be doubled. Will only double up to \$50?
- PTO doesn't want to change funds reactively

- Talk to lead teachers about how to use the Wish List

Upcoming fundraisers

- Oct. 24th Mixed Bags
- Walk-a-Thon in spring-volunteers needed

Possible future fundraiser:

- If teachers are more involved in fund-raising, may consider doing one
- Having a Family Fun and vendor fair for next year. All vendors would donate an item. Need to check with the town because of money. Safety concerns

Vote for By Law change

Social Media Coordinator as a board member **Pass**

Karen Miller is **voted as new member**

Funds See Sheets

Walk-a-Thon Vinnie is doing it

Open Position

- Treasurer

PTO-Maintain open communication with team leaders to know what is being asked

SRE T-Shirts are in go out in November