

Centennial Academy of Fine Arts PTO Meeting Minutes 12/5/23
5:30- 7:00 pm located in School Library

1. **Call to Order by President - Suzanne Cellura Andow**
 - a. Welcome/Introduction of PTO Officers.
 - b. 11/6 meeting minutes approved.
2. **President's Updates - Suzanne Cellura-Andow**
 - a. Colorado Gives site set up upon request from LPS foundation.
 - b. PTO website updated and input requested for improvements.
 - c. Consideration for starting a PTO newsletter like Ford that could go out monthly via Reachwell App and Email.
 - d. Two new murals are being worked on inside the school designed by **Kate Absher**. Large mural will be painted during school hours in January by Suzanne, Kate, and any other volunteers so that the students can see the process.
 - e. **Lexi Barrere** to help design the January Diversity Bulletin Board - Topic: Lunar New Year.
3. **Preschool Update - Rachel Wilson**
 - a. Finished the bread unit and moved on to music.
 - b. Still enrolling more students. 2 preschool students rolled over to Kindergarten last year. This year 10 students rolled over, 6 of which are open enrolled.
 - c. Preschool registration opens January 9th.
4. **Budget - Treasurer, Bridget Johnson**
 - a. **November Totals**
 - i. Income: \$510.58 (\$214.33 Qdoba Spirit night, \$242.25 Employer match donations, \$54 flowers)
 - ii. Expenses: \$1880.72 (\$462.47 Mini Grants, \$243.50 Events, \$199.94 Preschool, \$36.30 Preschool conference dinner)
 - iii. Ending Bank Account **Total: \$86,348.63**
 1. Main: \$66,176.51
 2. Savings/MMA: \$10,084.01
 3. CD:\$10,088.11
 - b. **Mini Grants (total spent \$7909.51 of \$15,000)** - 1 pending submission
 - i. Christin Worsley: Rent out movie theater for field trip. \$420 ask approved contingent on final submission.
 - c. **Farewell Gift**
 - i. Rafa Ennsfigueroa, Centennial's Tech Support person is leaving to do his student teaching in Switzerland. December 15th is his last day. We decided to give him cash in a card with a note to spend it on a Eurail pass.
5. **Fundraising Updates**
 - a. Arts and Culture Grant Update - **Lexi Barrere** - Centennial was awarded the single largest amount of \$20k from the Littleton Arts and Culture grant. We will use it towards stage A/V Stage remodel (lights, flooring, chairs, curtains). We'll ask the school council and school performers to make thank you cards to send to the Arts and Culture committee. The 24/25 grant application opens on Feb 1, so we'll need to discuss what we're requesting money for next year.
 - b. Restaurant Nights - **Christina Rich** - Stake City 12/20/23, Romanos 1/22/24, Chipotle 2/10/24, Skate City 3/19/24.

6. Upcoming Events & Volunteer Ideas

- a. Holiday Shop - **Rachael Downing** - 12/13 Set-up Volunteers, 12/14 & 12/15 - Shop Volunteers - See Sign-up Genius
- b. **Sara Martinez** will send out socials on Holiday Shop today and next Tues or Weds. She'll send out socials on Skate City this Friday and next Friday.
- c. Pacer Wagon - No Pacer Wagon in December - Students will receive Golden Tickets to put towards a drawing of 5-6 larger prizes.
- d. December Staff Appreciation 12/14 - Catered Lunch from Romano's for 81 staffers. PTO is splitting the cost with Dan and Kloe and it will come out to about \$500 even. **Mandy Thomas** volunteered to pick up the order and bring it to the school at 10:30am. We'll set up in the staff lounge since the Holiday Shop will be in the collaboration space. **Suzanne Cellura-Andow** will pick up drinks from Sam's Club. We'll check to see if Romano's provides chafing stands and sternos.
- e. January & February - Monthly Staff Appreciation Ideas/Volunteers needed. We'll be brainstorming January and February ideas over on the slack channel.
- f. January 10th - Kindergarten info night - **Bridget Johnson** will be there to represent PTO.
- g. January 18th - Preschool info night - volunteer needed
- h. Events for discussion - We talked about maybe adding an indoor event in January in the gym on a Friday night. Possibly a movie night. **Illena Klassen** brought two ideas - She's looking into the Opera Colorado to see if they'd come do a performance and she's researching having a Native American group to come do a hoop dance.
- i. Ongoing - Playground Parents - **Greg Gambill** seeking volunteers.
- j. **Bridget Johnson** and **Suzanne Cellura-Adnow** were invited to tour the LPS Security Office. It was really informative. They asked if our PTO could tour and they said yes. If you'd like to be involved, please let Suzanne know and she can figure out dates.

7. Principals Update - Dan Cuoco

- a. The new playground equipment and new path to the accessible swings will cost around \$60k. The PTO has budgeted \$30k of that and Dan will cover the rest. Dan spoke to his boss about the stage improvements and LPS has decided to chip in around \$9-10k. So with the grant and the LPS contribution, we have a total of \$30k to spend on stage and equipment improvements this year.
8. Meeting adjourned. Next PTO meeting is Tuesday, February 6th from 5:30-7pm. There will not be a January meeting.