

PTO General Meeting Minutes, May 21, 2019 at 6:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm

In Attendance:

1. Ania Childress
2. Andrea Rizzo
3. Saicha Griffin
4. Jessica Smolinski
5. Holly Jermyn
6. Michael Pinto
7. Kavita Bhandary-Alexander
8. Jane Rivers
9. Holly Smith
10. Sheila Davis
11. Jennifer Rawlings
12. Danica Hawkins
13. Kim Rogers
14. Greg Childress

Introductions

Budget Update

- Report on email vote - all 4 requests passed (second grade zoo trip, STEAM Career Day breakfast for volunteers, snacks for Art Gallery Walk, and food for STEAM night (dinner followed by presentation) . Request for money for Art Gallery Walk was withdrawn.
- Further, the email vote approved a budget amendment: funding request line item increased from \$1000 to \$2500. Thanks to all who voted. Goal is to always hold votes at meetings. Will streamline funding request process and timeline to make that possible.
- Voting on new funding requests - \$500 for 8th grade fees for students who need assistance, \$300 additional field day funding, \$50 in recess supplies for Ms. Surdej's class, and \$25 for decks of Uno cards requested by 3rd grade students. These requests were all unanimously approved at the meeting.
- Committee Updates
 - Fundraising:
 - Results of Great Give - \$2028 from 45 donors: thanks to all who contributed and urged friends and family to do so
 - \$1500 donation from neighborhood letter
 - Brings fundraising total for the year to over \$13,000

- Playground: we are still waiting to hear from the BOE about possible improvements to our playground
- Principal's Update- provided by Assistant Principal Andrea Rizzo
 - Field day will be on June 13. Parent volunteers and donations of water are requested.
 - Principal Smith is working with SPMT to get a draft parent handbook together. She and Holly J. will meet next week to work on draft to present to the rest of SPMT.
- PTO Executive Board election
 - Slate of candidates: Holly Jermyn (president), Jessica Smolinski (VP), Jane Rivers (treasurer). The candidate for secretary had to withdraw at the last minute. The secretary election will be held in June. Kim Rogers made a motion to approve this slate of candidates, i.e., Holly Jermyn for president, Jessica Smolinski for VP, and Jane Rivers for treasurer and to table the election of a secretary until the June meeting. Jennifer Rawlings, seconded the motion. The slate of candidates was unanimously approved.
- Announcements
 - Band concert June 5
 - Multicultural Night on June 12 - Ms. Davis will let the PTO know how it should be involved.
 - Possible ice cream social on June 17 after eighth grade graduation. Call for volunteers. There was a vote on allocating up to \$400 for an ice cream social. The vote passed unanimously.
 - Call for agenda items for the June meeting. Year end report will be presented then.