

Parker PTO 11-12-24

In person - Kate G, Dr Story, Ally B, Lori B

Online - Jen R, Nancy F, students: Farrah, Fabrice, Om

Minutes from last month - approved

Budget - dues have kept coming in. Getting close to budget \$11,800. People donating through companies are categorized under dues, not necessarily a match if people are donating through company portal. Other match donations are coming in.

Fat Larry's will be in next month's budget report.

Paid Corey the Dribbler fee so that is reflected in enrichment. Received monthly library bill for after school hours/coverage that PTO pays for.

Enrichment - Jesse Janowitz, author coming to meet with 6th graders next week. We offered her books for sale as part of the visit (through Whitelam Books) and Ms Janowitz will autograph. No cost for the author. Author of the Donut Fix and Donut King, plus a new novel out now. Had to commit to selling 20 of the new hardcover books. We didn't sell 20 but as a PTO we bought 8 to be distributed to 6th grade ELA classrooms and the school library. Hip hop dance program for the whole school will occur at the beginning of December. Corey the Dribbler will visit the whole school during March Madness.

Hospitality - PTO will host a staff holiday breakfast on Friday, 12/6; Will request a breakfast spread of baked goods and items via sign up genius. Will also ask for \$10 target gift card for all staff as a holiday gift. Will offer the option of a monetary donation through GiveButter for families to donate and PTO to do the shopping . 84 staff members

Festival of Trees - PTO tree will be Parker Drama-themed around the upcoming show "Curtains"; asking for things for the tree and gift cards around town . People have already started donating.

Fundraisers

Restaurant night at Fat Larry's - \$100; not yet in the budget

Apparel sale went well - just under \$1300, made \$74.50

Holiday Pie Sale - 50 pies donated ; pies for purchase will be picked up from school right before Thanksgiving.

Charleston Wrap - passive fundraiser ; 3 or 4 years ago made a good amount of money for the PTO. Last year we didn't get a good response so this year will be the deciding factor. Technically it opens for a couple of months but we are keeping a tighter window on promoting the sale so as to not inundate our families with things..

Mrs Fowke - idea for a jog-a-thon : get a website and 20% of the proceeds

Other ideas: Roller World and Lowell hockey - community event that would also be sort of a fundraiser.

Rent the space and sell the tickets, Jen Ray - take on a jog a thon or something like that

Dr Story - School improvement plan ; looking at Social/emotional Behavioral Academy and multi tiered systems of support. Academic systems are not the only ones supporting kids but also socially and emotionally. Teachers, councilors and administration are all involved. PBIS - participating in training and staff PD on this. Analyzing data. Collaborative professional development. Something that has been beneficial already is evaluating MCAS data and honing in on what specific students need. Practices are informed day to day. Family engagement through new upcoming caregiver conferences! Dr. Story will send out a school survey post-conferences for feedback.