

Bill Roberts PTA Meeting Notes
2023-2024 School Year
Minutes from November 8, 2023, 6:30pm

Attendees: Suzi Williams, Katie Wiktor, Cynde Hennegan, Ashley Kernstock, Alex Foster, Sara Porter, Lisa Lajimodiere, and Nita Baumann (teacher).

Online Attendees: Michelle Murray, Katie Asher, Brandon Garner, Shuba Love, Sarah Marwitz-Gomez, Kristen Tulk and Tony Webb.

Upcoming Events:

Tomorrow 11/9 Thanksgiving Luncheon
Now-11/17 Food Pantry Food Drive
11/9 Noodles & Co. Eat & Give
11/10 K-5 Original works order deadline
11/10 Middle School Dance
11/14 CSC Meeting at 4:30 PM
11/14 Community Potluck 5 - 7 PM
11/16 Safety Committee Meeting at 10 AM
11/16 Holiday Wreath Orders Due
11/16 Modern Market Eat & Give
11/17 Coffee for Teachers
11/17 Teacher Appreciation: Wine & Desserts
11/20 - 11/24 Fall Break, No School
11/30-12/2 Game of Tiara performances (two on 12/2)

President's Report:

Suzi: Turkey Thanksgiving Lunch is tomorrow. The school is expecting a lot of parents and guests. It needs to be better communicated to parents next year whether they can visit at lunchtime without having to purchase a prepaid lunch. Looking for last minute volunteers. Suzi will email room parents Enter through the front door, exit through the playground.

Original Works

Suzi: The deadline is Friday.

Safety:

Suzi: The next meeting will be on Thursday. They are discussing several issues like updating the website, getting new cameras, updating the student handbook with information including bike safety, front door policies and procedures, etc.

Katie: We want to sell bricks to help fund the kindergarten repairs. Looking into options and pricing.

General Business:

Suzi: Teacher Appreciation is wine and cheese on November 17. The wine and alcohol will be monitored and supervised. Nita said that the teachers really liked the protein snack bar in October.

Outreach Committee:

Suzi: Thanksgiving Outreach will be that week as well. We are filling food boxes for 17 families each week. The food pantry is bare. We are doing a competition amongst the grades with a pizza party for the winning grade. (Maybe a dress down day for the runner up grade). We need more adult volunteers because the 17 boxes is a lot for the 8th graders. The Miner's Basketball team is donating the turkeys. Adopt-a-Family will be going out soon. We are not doing gift cards this year. It is more fulfilling to receive and donate a physical gift. The forms from the families are due at the end of November.

Katie: Outreach for December will be the housing shelter behind Anschutz. Comitis Crisis Center (nonprofit center). They provide resources for basic human needs like bus passes, diapers, More information coming soon,

Book It Bobcats:

Can we get a celebrity for Fall of 2024 to promote and get more kids to participate. Maybe a Mascot?

Fun Run:

Alex Foster: Nicole is putting in the final shirt order. The weather was perfect. We'd like to continue to have the finish line at the field in the back of the playground. There was an issue with the food truck so burritos were ordered and there were extras. Maybe include food with the registration order next year. Need to increase the budget next year to include the permit.

Family Dance Update:

Michelle: Nicole finished the Square site and ticket sales are live. Link will be in tomorrow Thursday Notes. There will be ticket add-ons (like a swag bag, pizza, etc.). There will be a gelato cart on site. There will also be a photo booth with print out strips. Will there be 8th grade volunteer opportunities? Maybe a volunteer at the photo booth and for clean up. Stay tuned for a Signup Genius for volunteer opportunities.

DEI:

Ashley: The Friendsgiving Potluck is next Thursday and sign ups have gone up. The event is free. Enter through the balloons by the gym. We will be seated in the cafeteria, There will be two gift baskets to be

raffled off and trivia.

Hoping to have a speaker event in early 2024, Also hoping to do a book club with the book How to Raise an Anti-Rascist (adult version). There is also a YA version of the book and a picture book for younger readers. Next meeting is November 15.

MS Support Meeting:

Adie: The MS dance is on Friday.

Middle School Tours are happening despite the very limited number of spots that are available. The MS committee is discussing what to go with tours going forward.

Tony Webb asked if we can publicize the Enrichments available to Middle Schoolers.

The Middle Schoolers are currently selling Nick's fresh holiday wreaths. Delivery will be the week after Thanksgiving. For every wreath sold the students will earn \$10 for their class trip in the spring.

Arts Update

Alex: Thursday Notes will have a play update in the 11/16 edition. There will be lots of 8th grade volunteer opportunities. There will be a design for the programs. Performances are 11/30-12/2nd with double performance on 12/2. Tickets go on sale to the public next week with early access for parents tomorrow.

Carnival Update:

Ashley: Carnival is scheduled for May 10th. First meeting will be after the holidays.

Edukit:

We got the contribution last month. Around \$2200. Supply lists for 24-25 for the teachers will go out in January.

Garden:

Sara: We had around 300 students come to harvest. We are planning to do a fall clean up in the next few weeks, maybe on a Friday.

Library:

Lisa: The book fair will have a gaming theme to go along with the Family Dance. Lisa said they are looking for register and set up volunteers. This has been a popular event with no problems finding volunteers in the past. A sign up will go out in Thursday Notes.

School Volunteers:

Kristen: Parent volunteers needed for Coffee Days. The front office is being overwhelmed with coffee deliveries. Cynde will help deliver coffees this month. We will send out a sign up next month.

Spirit wear:

Suzi: The teachers got new hoodies that say "We are Roberts" on the back. They are soft and were well received. We have a new vendor and 10 percent goes back to the school. The online store is nearly up and

should be live by Thanksgiving.

Sponsorship and Auction:

Adie: Knotty Kids wants to sponsor an event. They will give 10% back to the school on Wednesdays beginning 11/15 to 12/13. An announcement will be ready to go in Thursday Notes on 11/16.

For auction wrap up, we are just waiting on one more check and can close out. The Auction chair person is still TBD. The lottery ticket wall was successful and was easier to distribute and transport than the wine wall. The \$15 fee for leaving your gift basket went well, only two guests left behind baskets.

Third Party Fundraisers:

Suzi: We are interested in rebranding to messaging to something like Dining For Dollars. We will distribute flyers in Thursday folders to remind parents of that week's fundraiser.

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 13, 2023.at the Stanley. The Theme will be festive holiday sweaters. Happy Thanksgiving!