Bill Roberts PTA Meeting
Wednesday September 11, 2024

ATTENDEES

Alison Boyd, Pete Clapp, Cynde Hennegan, Jen Hensley, Libby Hutchinson, Jocelyn Javeinick, Ashley Kernstock, Lisa Lajimodiere, Jake Leman, Laura Lockwood, Shuba Love, Ben Marwitz, Sarah Marwitz, Matt McGrede, Michelle Murray, Sara Porter, Nicole Potsane, Caitlyn Quin, Bradley Reveve, Monica Reveve, Jill Sly, Sarah Strauss, Adie Tate, Kera Terwilliger, Katie Wiktor, Suzi Williams and Teacher Liaisons: Nita Baumann and Christina Lundblad.

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COMMITTEE LEADS

Art Support: Michelle Murray
Auction: Katie Wiktor, Sara Porter, Lisa Lajimodiere, Nikki Parish, Adie Tate, Ashley Asue and Libby Hutchinson
Beautification: TBD
Book It Bobcats: Adie Tate
Carnival: Ashley Kernstock
DEI: Emily Shamsid-Dean
Financial Audit: Ashley Kernstock and Adie Tate
Fun Run: Alex Foster and Nicole Potsane
Fundraising: Ashley Kernstock
Nominating Committee: TBD
MS Parent Support Committee: Adie Tate

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/13 K-2 Bouncy/Pizza/Welcome Event 5:30 pm TOCA
9/17 PTA Safety Committee Meeting 10 am Library
9/17 Dine & Donate Mici's
9/17 MS Flower Bulb Fundraiser Ends

9/18 PTA DEI Committee Meeting 6:30 Library
9/18-9/19 Auditions for Fall Play for Grades 3-8
9/19 MS Concession Sale at Cross Country Meet 3:30 pm at Great Lawn Park in Lowry
9/20 Book It Reading Hours Deadline
9/20 MS Food Truck Friday
9/25 MS Tailgate Potluck following Girls Soccer 5:30 pm
9/26 Book It Bobcats Celebration
9/27 Planning Day, No School for Students
10/2 Bike Bus
10/4 Coffee for Teachers and Staff, First Friday with Principal Sanders 9:30 am, Full-Day Friday Dismissal at 3:50 pm
10/5 Bill Roberts Night at the Rapids 7:30 pm at Dick's
10/8 Dine & Donate Ester's
10/9 PTA Meeting Library 6:30 pm

NEW BUSINESS

Committees Needed
Suzi: We need to start three committees: a Beautification Committee, a Financial Audit Committee and a Nominating Committee. Principal Sanders will provide information on the new Beautification Committee soon. We need two non-board members to be able to sign off on finances, Adie Tate and Ashley Kernstock have accepted these positions for the Financial Audit Committee. We will look for 3-5 individuals for the Nominating Committee soon. Reach out to Suzi if you are interested.

Misc.
Suzi: We have pizza tonight donated by Adrianna at Neighborhood Art Studio.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Auction Update
Katie: The auction committee has been meeting since the summer. The auction will be held on Saturday, October 19th at 6 pm. There will be food stations with heavy appetizers, an open bar and fun entertainment. The auction committee has been finding amazing prizes and experiences as well, including sports tickets such as the MLB World Series, a mountain home getaway and more. Katie encouraged others to attend the auction and meet other families. It is a really fun event. Do not let the ticket cost prohibit you from attending. Reach out as there are discounted tickets available.

Lisa: The Room Parents are sending out emails looking for contributions to the class baskets. There will be some really cool teacher experiences. There will be some new, amazing auction items. There is an option to bid online for everything except the live auction if you don't want to attend the event in-person. We still have some sponsorship opportunities available for businesses such as a champagne greeting, lottery ticket wall, etc. Please reach out if you know of a business that might be interested in contributing.

Sara: We have a beer distributor which has been a complicated issue this year with licensing and such.

Adie: We are still looking for an accomplished musician who is comfortable performing in front of a couple hundred people. Reach out if you know someone who might be interested.

Room Parent Update

Katie: Megan Fisher has been coordinating and communicating to the Room Parents. There will be a First-Time Room Parent Meeting at 4 pm on Monday, September 16th, and a virtual meeting at 7 pm on the same evening.

Funding for the classrooms has changed this year from the past. Room Parents can no longer collect large donations for their classes as there have been discrepancies in how much money was collected for some classrooms vs. others.

There was some discussion about class funds and donations for the auction. Room Parents can collect funds for auction baskets. Class funds can also be used for teachers' Amazon wish lists. We have asked that individual families not contribute more than $50.

All donations for the classes are anonymous and voluntary.

Suzi: Friday, October 4th will be the first Coffee Friday event. Megan and the Room Parents are helping to gather teacher and staff orders.

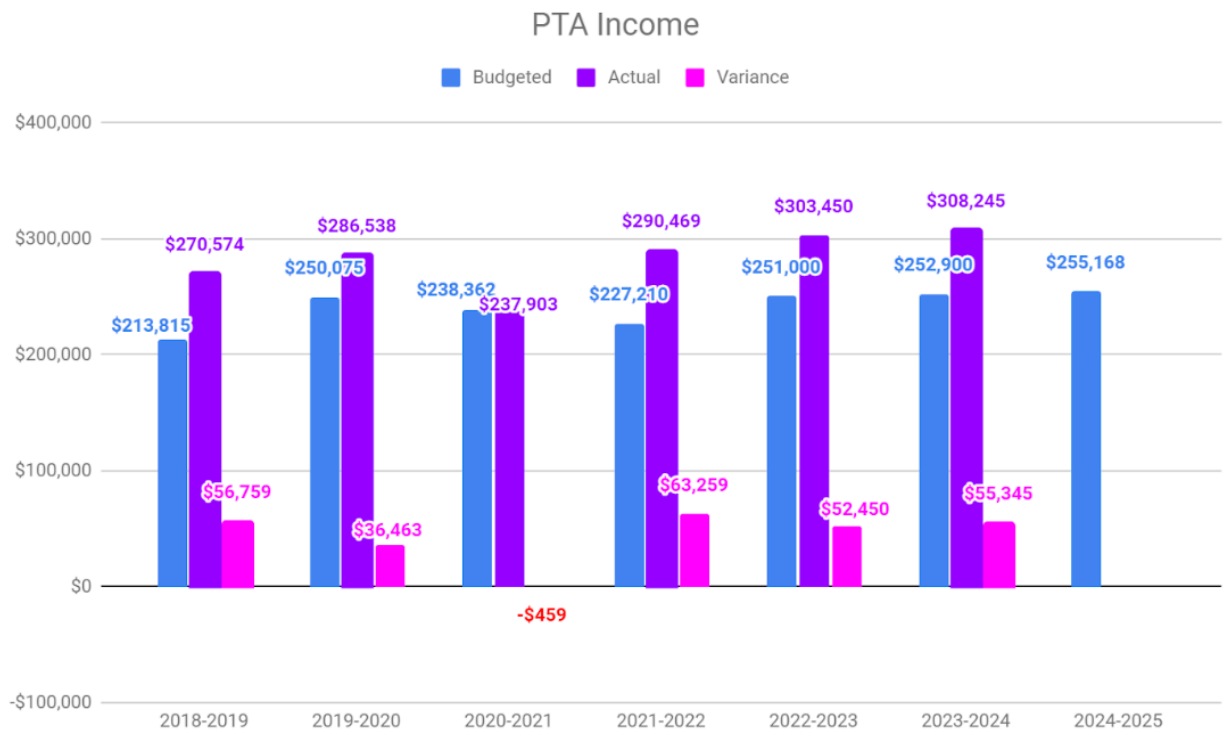
Treasurer's Report

Adie: Bill Roberts has a tradition of sending all of the 8th graders on an out-of-state trip before Continuation. In the past, parents were able to set up their King Soopers' loyalty reward account to contribute to their student's 8th grade trip. Starting in 2018, the school stopped tracking the King Soopers money for individual students. At this time the general account contained around

$90,000; there is currently about $25,000 in funds left today. The last of the students who have individual King Sooper accounts are in 6th grade. The PTA and the school are doing fundraising for the scholarship fund. Last year we spent about $12,000 in scholarships. Partial scholarships are available in addition to the Full Scholarship. We won't leave any student behind that wants to go and has parent permission to attend the trip. A parent brought up Friday's TOCA event and suggested that the King Soopers program be communicated there as most of the younger families don't know about it. Shuba volunteered to help with flyers and helping parents sign up via their mobile phones.

Ben: We need to add a line item for Beautification but are waiting on information from Principal Sanders. Knowing this in advance, we took a vote on this year's budget and the motion passed.

Ben also presented a chart of the past few school years' PTA income estimated vs actual which showed a definite hint of being on the conservative side for estimates with a $52k-$63k under-estimate range on income for the past 3 years since COVID. See below.



Spirit Wear

Alison: Spiritwear orders have been great. Lots of new orders for Back-to-School. The new logo and updated color scheme has helped drive sales too. And there are magnets for sale for $5!

Food Pantry

Katie: The Food Pantry budget has increased (as food prices in general have gone up) in addition to the Middle School Class Trips. Last year we quadrupled the amount of families we are supporting.

Suzi: The Food Pantry held a Food Drive last week which helped replenish the school pantry. Food donations are always accepted, and can be dropped off at the office. We are also putting in an order with the Food Bank of the Rockies. We are looking for a new Food Pantry Leader as Sara Giordana has a 7th grader. It is a large time commitment as Sara prepares baskets for our families every week. There are food safety rules that need to be followed during the basket-building so there needs to be trained adults available if kid volunteers or scouts help out.

Fun Run Update

Nicole: This year's Fun Run will be held on Saturday, November 2nd. There is a shirt included with the sign up fee. We will most likely have a breakfast option too, such as breakfast burritos. The Run will consist of a 1 mile and a 5k race. There are prizes for the top student runners. We will need volunteers to distribute registration packets, set up, take down, track winners, etc.

Book It

Adie: The last day to enter students' reading hours is Friday, September 20th. This year's Book It Celebration will be held on Thursday, September 26th. We are looking for volunteers, especially for the younger grades. Check out the sign up in tomorrow's Thursday Notes.

Fundraisers

Ashley: There are two sport fundraisers underway. Tickets for the Colorado Rockies are being sold for this weekend. We are still a few tickets short but can sell tickets up until the last game on Sunday. We need to sell a total of 50 tickets for the Rockies to contribute $5 per ticket to the

school. Hopefully additional publication in Thursday Notes and Facebook posts will help drive the ticket sales.

The Colorado Rapids are hosting a Bill Roberts night on Saturday, October 5th. There was an assembly with the Rapids mascot encouraging the students to sell tickets. They can earn prizes for game tickets sold and the Rapids will donate a portion of the tickets to the school.

There is a Dine & Donate fundraiser at Mici's this Tuesday. Also there will be an Esther's fundraiser in October,

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Our next PTA meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 9th at 6:30 pm in the library. We generally meet on the second Wednesday of the month. Here is a list of all the upcoming meetings for the 24/25 school year: 10/09, 11/13, 12/11, 01/08, 02/12, 03/12, 04/09 and 05/14.