Bill Roberts PTA Meeting
Wednesday October 8, 2024

ATTENDEES

Cynde Hennegan, Libby Hutchinson, Ashley Kernstock, Jake Leman, Shuba Love, Ben Marwitz, Matt McGrude, Michelle Murray, Larissa Pishney, Nicole Potsane, Lynn Rooney,Kristy Sutton, Adie Tate, Kera Terwilliger, Suzi Williams, Katie Witker, and staff members: Jaime Jackson, Christina Lundblad, Jason Sanders.

BOARD

President: Suzi Williams billrobertspta@gmail.com
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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

10/10-10/14: Fall Break
10/16: DEI Meeting 6:30 pm Library
10/17: MS PAC Meeting 9:15 am Cafeteria
10/19: Annual Auction “A Night Among the Stars”

10/23: Bike Bus/CO Walk and Roll to School Event 8:00 at Puddle Jumper
10/23: Dine & Donate at Sweet Cow all day
10/24: PTA Safety Committee Meeting 10 am Library
10/25: MS Food Truck Friday
10/31: Trick-or-Treat Street
11/1: First Full Friday, Dismissal at 3::30 pm
10/2: Fun Run

NEW BUSINESS

Principal Sanders: CSC issued their report. Bill Roberts is in the top three in the district in all categories. The state of the school is really strong, based on CMAS scores for 3rd-8th grade. Please thank your teachers. We are coming into school tour season. The data for K-8 schools is strong with preparing students for high school.

Irrigation: There is a long term plan in place. This last week the irrigation senior manager came up with a plan that starts now and goes through spring and next fall. Sprinkler heads and lines are being prepped for the winter. We want the exterior of the building to match the amazing things going on inside. We are looking for support in an exterior team that can execute the vision of beautification as well as keep up with the grounds maintenance. We need better communication among the school staff and DPS when urgent matters arise like the geiser/ sprinkler malfunction last week.

Jamie Jackson: DCTA Update. The 5.2 percent cost of living adjustment that was promised teachers at the beginning of this school year has not been delivered. Teachers have received 2.06 percent so far. The district says they cannot afford the rest of the cost of living adjustment. They have offered a $1000 bonus instead. Teachers just want the pay that was agreed upon. On Monday, October 21st there is a rally at the capitol building. If you can attend, wear red. The DCTA is trying to make the public aware of the issue. We will publicize the issue in next week's Thursday Notes. The public can find more information at Denverteachers.org. Call 720-423-3210.

Adie asked for a vote to support the teachers in requesting and receiving the full pay raise that was agreed upon. The motion was seconded. Motion passed.

ONGOING BUSINESS

President's Report
Suzi: The next PTA meeting will be held on 11/12 due to the election and the DEI Friendsgiving event planned for 11/13.

Original Works is coming soon. Parents can order their students' art beginning Oct 23rd. These make great gifts! More information will be provided via Thursday Notes.

The Rapids Fundraiser made $630. Students enjoyed the assembly. Prizes will arrive after the fall break.

Celebrity Crossing Guard Day will take place the same day as Bike Bus/Colorado Walk and Bike to School Day on 10/23. It will also be a Dine & Donate event (all day!) at Sweet Cow. There will be a Freddy's Dine and Donate on 11/6. There will be a Destination Imagination Parents Night Out coming up in November.

Room Parent Committee
Suzi: Would like to send a special "Thank You" to everyone who contributed coffee and volunteered to pass it out. Another "Thank you" to the cafeteria/recess volunteers.

Food Pantry
Suzi: We will have another food drive next month. Feel free to drop off pasta sauce, tuna, cereal, mac and cheese etc. at the front desk anytime.

Edukit
Michelle and Suzi: Edukit brought in $2059. We are looking for feedback so feel free to pass it along. We are looking into new vendors for next year.

Book It Bobcats
Adie: There was great participation in the program. The students who participated read a total of 54,000 hours. Everyone had a great time at the Book It Celebration. We may change the format next year so more kids can participate in the parties.

Treasurer's Report
Ben: We went over the latest budget report. Auction tickets are ahead of last year's total. Suzi made a motion to add interest rates as a line item. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken and it passed.

Suzi made a motion of adding $500 for auction and $1000 for beautification . Katie wanted to add an addendum that the PTA votes on what beautification projects are paid for by the PTA. Motion was seconded. A vote was taken and it passed.

PTA VP Update
Katie: The auction is Saturday, October 19th. We were filming in the school last Friday with a camera crew for a sizzle reel that we can use at the auction and to promote the school. There is a pianist that will be performing but we would like to break up the time with a second musician performance as well. If anyone knows someone, let the auction committee know. It is going to be a fun event and we are excited it is coming so soon. Tickets sales will end on 10/16. They can be purchased at the door for $100/ ticket. The auction mobile bidding site should go live on Thursday 10/17 by mid-day.

Tours are coming up soon. Elementary tour sign ups are already filling up. There will just be an open house on 12/11 for the middle school.

Fun Run
Nicole: Registration is open, The event is on 11/2 and the first race is at 9:30 am. Order by 10/20 to receive t-shirts before the race. The kids' shirts count as spirit wear. We are selling breakfast burritos for $5 this year. It is a really fun event even if you aren't a runner. There are prizes for top finishers. The Sign Up Genius for volunteers is going out tomorrow.

Alex: We are in need of volunteers for two specific jobs such as a volunteer point-person/ manager. We are also looking for someone to call some businesses for sponsorships. We are also looking for teacher volunteers who would like to MC the event. Christina Lundblad said she can help since she knows the audio system. We may need more funding for the event if DPS decides we need custodians on site and security.

Middle School
Adie: We have Food Truck Friday coming up on 10/25 with a Sweet Treats scholarship sale. The first dance will be held on 11/15. The Middle School Black Students Alliance and Gay Students Alliance will be helping out at the Friendsgiving Potluck. The bulb sales made $950.

Next Meeting
Tuesday, November 12 at 6:30 pm in the Library.