

Attending: 3 parents + 7 board members + principal. Meeting called to order at 6 pm.

New business

1. Introductions

2. Partnership Plan

- Presenter: Bev Petrie
- "The Partnership Plan for Stillwater Area Public Schools" is a non-profit foundation established in 1989
- Grants to staff who apply with ideas to elevate the classroom experience (Fall and Spring)
- WEB (MS) & Link Crew (HS)
- Sponsoring Arts, Tech, Da Vinci Fest (Science and Art Fair) (10th year)
- Classroom Grant Budgets \$58k for 2017-18
- Partnership Awards - recognizing staff as well as a \$1000 classroom grant. Ms. Haddad won the award this year
- April 20th Gala will be held at the JX Event Venue. \$75 for attendees; \$50 for district employees

3. Secretary update

- Minutes from Feb 12th meeting have a typo in the date and no closing time
- With these changes, minutes were approved unanimously
- Feb 12th minutes still need to be posted on the PTA website

4. Treasurer update

- Current account balance is \$3770
- Books will be audited in May

5. Principal update

- Teachers appreciated PTA proving conference dinners
- Start time changes proposal was tabled by the Stillwater School Board. Proposal may be revisited later, but no changes for 2 years
- Media center shelved 10000th book two weeks ago
- **Book Fair** totaled \$6051.25 in sales, and \$3933.32 of it went to school!
- Yearbook orders are due on March 23rd. Ms. Latoya Woodard (secretary) is in charge of yearbook content.

6. Election of Vice-President and Secretary (2-year terms)

- Vice-President: Jeana Moreno-Krueger was the only candidate. Elected for 2-year term unanimously
- Secretary: Ekaterina Kadnikova was the only candidate. Elected for 2-year term unanimously

7. Fundraising update

- Dining night out
 - **Culver's** on April 17th (last Culver's night totaled \$3000 in eligible sales in 2 hours)
 - **Chipotle's** – new date TBD
 - **Crave** is not working out well (slow service)
- Art Fundraiser: Square1Art: handled by art teacher, starting with younger students
- Boosterthon will be held this Spring
 - Pep Rally is on May 2nd
 - Fun Run is on May 10th
 - Organizational meeting: 7:45 am on Mon March 26th
 - Andrew Polehna found a sponsor to donate \$500 towards shirts
- Box tops: Jasmine is moving; Mackenzie Woefel will take this on next year.

8. Communications update

- Website updated by Shelly Anderson
- Next newsletter (by Jeana) will be sent after March 26th Boosterthon meeting
- Survey results were compiled by Jeana (Appendix 1 [\(blue text\)](#))

9. Community engagement update

- Cash for class: 47959 pts (next competitor 33830 pts) – if we stay in the first place, our school gets \$3000!
- Amazon Smile: keep using it

10. Purchasing items for PTA

- Two easel signs + cashbox. Authorization to spend up to \$350 was granted by unanimous vote.
- T-shirts for 2nd and 3rd grade. Authorization to spend up to \$230 was granted by unanimous vote.

- Reusable bingo cards cost \$60 for 50-card-pack. We would need at least 200 cards for a bingo night. We'll discuss splitting the costs with other schools.

11. School song

- Dr. Webster (music teacher) is involved in this project.

12. Planning for the next school year

- PTA meetings will be held 6-7 pm every second Thursday of a month, starting on Sept 13th.
- PTA events: most of the discussion will take during the PTA Board meeting following this meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm

Appendix 1 (compiled by Jeana Moreno-Kruger, 3/11/2018 version)

2017-2018 PTA Parent Survey Results

Participated this School year	# of Yes
Book Fair	38
Cash Wars	24
Chipotle	27
bingo	20
movie	17
Crave	16
box tops	32
amazon	10
Cash for Class	26
Will participate next year	
Book Fair	32
Cash Wars	18
Chipotle	31
bingo	35
movie	33
Crave	27
box tops	29
amazon	13
Cash for Class	26
# of dining nights	1=21/2=18
Willing to help in some way	7
Marketing Sufficient = Y	40

General Feedback

- Movie night was great! Our kids loved it. We also think the dining nights out are a great idea too! It's wonderful the restaurant donates.
- Pick one big fundraiser instead of all these little ones.
- Bingo was fun
- Gertens Sale or similar
- My child had lots of fun
- I appreciate this kind of fundraising instead of the kids selling something
- Would like to know specifically what the money is used for, rather than just helping our school.

- One fast food and one dine in option
- 1 Crave & 1 Chipotle is good nice variety and budget levels
- all is great, if we didn't participate it is because was unorganized/unavailable
- You've done an amazing job in such a short amount of time. I hope you've seen the results you've been looking for.
- movie - have more change available at the beginning of the event for sale of concessions
- Cash wars - haven't heard of, Box Tops - haven't had any items in pantry with them, Amazon Smile - haven't heard of
- Nice job thank you!
- Completely reasonable. These are easy ways to participate and help the school/PTA out.
- Great job so far. We like Chipotle because of the higher donation. We didn't go to Crave since only 10%. We loved Bingo night.
- Book fairs are awesome
- We missed movie night and were hoping there would be another
- maybe new restaurants
- We like the dining nights out cause it is easy. Bingo night was fun!
- Bingo night was a lot of fun
- Chipotle and Culvers are great
- Love the book fairs - more books is always good! I like the cash wars because all of the money stays at the school.

Fundraiser Ideas

- Panera, Café Zupas
- ice cream social event
- Carnival
- Craft sale, have a vendor pay a fee for table and sell concessions
- Just ask for \$. Adopt a "fund a need" project where you identify something specific the school needs or a grant for a teacher or whatever. Then, just ask for donations to that specific need.
- Fun run or 5K
- Something on a Saturday morning would be better for our schedule. It is difficult to make it to evening during the week.
- Milk Moola, 5 cents each from kwik trip
- School Carnival, start small in gym, games, bake sale, etc.
- Square1art
- ice cream social event
- School carnival, DH dance party (maybe end of school year, I can provide inexpensive DJ) or daddy daughter dance - this is very popular fundraiser at St. Croix Prep Acad. Each year they have a diff theme.
- Gertens plant sale
- The community events at school are a great way to simultaneously raise money and build community
- My kids enjoyed a school dance in the past. DJs do a good job of getting kids and parents out together and its great exercise.
- family fun run or some sort of 1 mile or 5k event
- We haven't been able to catch many this year due to schedules, we'll make more time in the year ahead to make it more
- 5K or 1 mile kids run
- Battle of the books - no sure if that is a a school or PTA thing.
- We really liked sharing is caring dinner Lake Elmo had.
- Discounted tickets to Nickelodeon Universe
- Square1art
- Halloween Event - previous school had kids parade around the school
- I am an elementary school teacher in a diff district. We just completed our main fundraiser for out PTO today - Read A Thon. Students raised over 15K by gathering pledges for their reading. Then during school we spent the day filled with reading. It is always so fun. Pizza parties for classes. fun whole school events for certain dollar amounts raised. Students who raise the top amounts get fun prizes too.
- our old school did a carnival, I know it's a ton of work, but the kids love it.

Comments

- I've enjoyed my experience with PTA so far
- Thanks for all your work.
- 2 dining nights in case I miss one
- 2 dining nights is good, but my family will probably only make it to one
- 2 dining nights cause sometimes the day doesn't work, Panera now offers \$ for class
- Nice job getting everything up and running
- Could not find Brookview in Amazon Smile - need more instruction