



## Timber Ridge PTO Minutes 2.12.19

### Call to Order 7:30PM

- A meeting of Timber Ridge Elementary PTO was held at Wallace Elementary on 2.12.19.
- Board Members present: Co-Presidents: Jason Arnold, Secretary: Amy Withers
- PTO Members present: see sign-in sheet.

### Approval of Minutes

- Approval of January minutes: motion to approve made by Jennifer, Seconded by Michelle. Approved.

### Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report: Monica was absent so no oral report was given, but she did send a written report (see Treasurer's Report)

### TR News- Mrs. Harrison

- No report

### Committee Reports:

#### Grants (Jennifer)-

- We've received 18 grant requests totaling \$13,583
- Some grant requests were funded from other places in the school
- This is about \$2,285 over budget for the grant committee.
- Sara Miller moved to fund grant overages
  - Seconded by Megan O.
  - Voted, Motion passes
- Reflex Math
  - A grant request was submitted for approx \$3300 for renewal of Reflex Math, but Grant Committee funds more tangible things.
  - Our site license expires at the end of this year. In the past a parent has funded Reflex Math, but they are not at TR anymore.

- Sara Miller proposed asking local businesses for donations to fund this. This will be discussed at a later date.
- Discussion ensued about what Reflex Math is and how and which students are impacted.
- Jason proposed funding this for this year and then asking teachers to look into alternatives in the future. Motion made by Sara M to fund Reflex Math for this year. Seconded by Megan. Voted. Motion passed.

### **Experiences (Kelley)**

- Rachel's Challenge was last week and was a success. Students were engaged and the content was wonderful.
- Shawn has approved another experience: We will be hosting two brothers from the slums of Brazil who are string musicians and are now Des Moines based. They tour the country playing their music and spreading their message of kindness and the obstacles they've overcome in their lives. This will be April 5th 2:00-3:15. Parents are invited; if they are planning to come, please contact office ahead of time so they can print out ID badges.
- Any unused Experiences budget money Kelley may ask to be used for Dragon Dreams Day.

### **Box tops (Jason, for Alex)**

- Last day to send in is next Friday the 22nd. Alex will touch base with those who agreed to help out trim, so far we don't have a lot.

### **Yearbook (Jason, for Alex)**

- Goes on sale March 1st thru the Friday before spring break.
- Don't forget to send pictures and photographer requests to [timberidgeyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:timberidgeyearbook@gmail.com)

### **Hospitality (Amy)**

- Teacher Chocolate Feast is this Thursday 2/14. Thank you to all who signed up to bring treats!
- February staff birthday gifts have been given out, and March cards are being passed around to be signed.
- Conference dinner has been ordered from Nutrition Services (Italian lasagna and salad). Megan is working on a list of extra items that we will need donated for Sara to send out.

### **Book Fair (Jason)**

- We are getting new registers this year!
- Will also be able to do e-wallets where parents can set up an account for their child to spend at the book fair.
- This Spring's theme is Dinosaur.

## **Old Business**

- Teacher Grant Proposal (Sara M.)
  - Teachers are spending hundreds of dollars of their own money on their classrooms. Sara proposes giving teachers each \$100 Visa gift cards. Since new teachers are already getting \$200, they will not be included. This will be for no more than 50 teachers, so no more than \$5000 expenditure.
  - Motion to approve expenditure made by Megan O., seconded by Sara M. Voted-motion passed.

## New Business

- Megan O. proposed the idea of using Book Fair to send a book home with each child who receives food to take home for the weekend (Friday Friends).
- 5th grade celebration is May 23rd, with backup date as May 30th.
- Purple Party
  - Jason recommends that we no longer have involvement as a PTO with Purple Party going forward.
  - We did not get a check from last year's PP due to a theft. No additional measures were taken this year to prevent theft.
  - Also, we were told this is not a fundraiser; it is a "cheap and affordable winter carnival".

## Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Sara. Seconded by Jennifer. Voted, approved.

Adjourned at 8:37pm.