

Manz PTA Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2020

6:01-7:06pm

Attendance: Sarah Stafford, President; Heidi Laurin, Vice President; Susan Larson, treasurer; Carin Keyes, secretary; Christy Mullock, Lindsay Pohlen, Kimberley Winkelmann, Vanessa Moessner, Melissa Rickert, Sara Johnson, Heather Grant, Principal

1. Treasurer Report:
Checking: \$3130.19
Regular Savings: \$18,305.76
Playground Savings: \$37,694.51
2. Box Tops
 - a. April 15, 2020: \$175.50 paid to school
 - b. Current amount raised this school year \$426.00
3. Plastic Recycling Challenge
 - a. Turned in 297 lbs of plastic this year! Ranked 15 of 36 schools. Will get a participation prize of a flower box that will be mailed in September.
 - b. Last year we turned in 165 lbs and were ranked 24th.
 - c. Have already started to collect for next school year at 25 lbs. Feel free to email Carin Keyes at carin_keyes@msn.com if you have the weight of plastic at home that you will be bringing in to the stores for recycling.
4. Shoe Recycling
 - a. Melissa Rickert reports that the company is only taking sneakers now which is harder to get a large amount of recycling for (paid out by weight).
 - b. Will not be participating in this program next year.
5. Mini Grant:
 - a. Kristen Rubenzer is requesting a "Reading A to Z ELL classroom license" for the next school year. This is an online education resource with printable books and resources that can be used for students and families at home or for at-school learning.
 - b. Total Amount Requested: \$178.45.
 - c. **Vote: All in favor.**
6. Otis Spunkmeyer Cookies
 - a. This fundraiser has been good for bringing in PTA money for the school and the families seem to like it.
 - b. This will be part of 2 large fundraisers for the year.
 - c. Continue this near Thanksgiving next Fall.
 - d. All voted to approve this for the next school year.

7. 5th Grade Class activities: Mrs. Winkelmann
 - a. MAPE teachers are putting together something for the 5th graders for their send off to middle school.
 - b. Art teacher is drawing caricatures of each 5th grade student and would like to frame them (approx. \$500 or so needed)
 - c. 5th grade teachers are thinking about purchasing t-shirts for the class with middle school colors and Manz logo.
 - d. **Proposal: Reallocate up to \$2000 from the field trip money to the 5th grade end of the year "send-off" project. (Conjunction gift between 5th grade teachers and Manz PTA). Vote: All in favor.**

8. Apparel
 - a. There is a question whether we should add additional items to the apparel inventory this year.
 - b. This topic will be tabled until the next meeting.

9. **PTA officer elections: unanimous vote to approve ballot**

Sarah Stafford: President
Lindsay Pohlen: President-elect
Susan Larson: Treasurer
Kellie Slimak: Secretary
Positions begin on July 1, 2020.

10. Playground Committee: Sara Johnson
 - a. The district will remove the old green playground equipment and Lee Construction will be contracted to install the new equipment at the end of summer 2020 (no specific date yet).
 - b. Playground committee is meeting next week.
 - c. Have raised enough money for the playground but need more for installation costs.
 - i. Option 1: \$8,000: Construction company does all (this is the option that the playground committee feels would work best).
 - ii. Option 2: \$2,000: We bring in volunteers to help with guidance from construction company.
 - d. Mrs. Grant spoke with ECASD and found that they have a contract with Lee Construction and can get district pricing. This would be cheaper. Mrs. Grant will know tomorrow.
 - e. Playground committee is interested in also purchasing a gaga pit for the older students. This may cost between \$2,000 to \$4000.
 - f. Discussion was held with Susan Larson, Treasurer, regarding the possibility of using PTA funds to fund the rest of the money for the playground. She felt that it would be possible but there would not be a large amount of carryover of monies into the 2021-2022 school year. There still would be enough to cover operating

costs next year. A big part of this is because some of the operating budget was not used this year due to school closings from the COVID-19 pandemic (about \$7000).

- g. Proposal: PTA to fund up to \$10,000 (from savings) towards paying installation of playground, gaga pit, and plaque. Vote: All in favor. (Lee Construction will install with district contract and PTA to pay school district).**

Adjourn: Sarah to schedule summer meetings in early June and August.