

November 8, 2023 Summit PTO Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Jessica McGough, Nick O'Keefe, Oscar Uribe, Tracy Welch, Lisa Veglahn, Lindsey Cummings, Kelsey Craig, Jo Thorsen

Principal Update

- Enrollment
 - EC - 8
 - PK - AM: 18; PM 18 = 36
 - KG - F: 16; O: 16; K: 15 - 47
 - 1st - A: 14; JJ: 17; CJ: 14 = 45
 - 2nd - C: 15; S:17 = 31
 - 3rd - W: 16; Y: 15; J:14 = 45
 - 4th - T:21; G:22; = 42
 - 5th - R:25; S: 26 = 51
 - **Total: 305 in October**
- Mr. Uribe highlighted staff presentations at the recent Midwest Environmental Education conference
 - The presentations focused on Summit's environmental efforts in education
 - 25 educators were present and participated in tours of the school inside and out
 - 1st grade did lessons outdoors while tours concluded
 - 12 students from UW-L educational program did tour of education in nature
 - Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Ofte, Mrs. Fechner, and Mr. O'Keefe presented at the conference
- Looking into an electric vehicle charging station at Summit
 - Potential fundraiser
- Asked to do 2 more tours in spring for science educators in the state
- Students are using the new playscape a lot!
- Academics:
 - Access test in December for EL
 - 3rd grade field trip to planetarium
 - Paired up student's WIN time with teacher's PD: Title 1 teachers are hosting card games
- Calendar:
 - November 17 - 3rd grade field trip to planetarium
 - November 20 & 21 - Card games
 - November 22, 23, & 24 - Thanksgiving
 - December 7 - 4th & 5th grade concert

Teacher Update

- Winter themes will be starting: ice fishing, sledding, snowshoeing; sledding will take place off of new playscape

- Proud to announce winter gear will be available for every student that may not be able to provide it
- Positive tone in school; making kids feel safe and happy in school
- Question: Can we take donations for sleds? Yes! Also light strands for trees outside

Treasurer Update

- \$6,500 raised from Summit Strut
- Request from Sally, student success behavior coach: \$35.16 for timer and kinetic sand activity for student regulation
 - No line item budget currently; need to discuss for next year's budget creation
 - Motion by Nick O'Keefe, second by Laura Steigerwald to approve \$36.15 for timer and kinetic sand activity
 - Motion carries

Fundraisers

- Chicken Q
- Jump a Thon - January? More discussion to come; need promotional efforts from PTO, etc.; Feb potentially;
- Loggers - June
- Bingo - Michelle - TBD
- Summit Strut - 9/29
- Noodles
- Chuck E Cheese - November 17, 2023 3-9 (regular hours); 20% of proceeds
- **Fundraising efforts:** goal to advertise something specific to tie the funds to go to; better help keep the goal in sight
 - PTO school project: Oscar will come up with some options and pricing for the PTO to discuss and decide upon

Next meeting: December 6, 2023

Important dates:

- 12/7/23: 4 / 5 Concert
- 3/26/24: 2 / 3 Concert

Yearbook: Previously voted to provide yearbook every student this year

Apparel: Jo will email (full zip hoodies)

Teacher Appreciation: Staff were provided with \$200 worth of snacks (thanks for shopping, Mr. O!) went over very well

- Motion by Jo Thorsen second by Lindsey Cummings to approve \$150 for November snacks
 - Motion carries

- Soups and bread for second day of conferences went very well

Open Items: Tracy brought an idea to the table about holding a holiday window decoration walk-around for Summit students, staff, and community in lieu of the trunk or treat being canceled due to weather. Students can decorate the interior windows and parents/community can walk around the building to view, similar to Rotary lights. PTO will provide hot chocolate. There will also be an option to send off luminaries. Potential date: December 21 - Winter Solstice. Student council members could help with serving hot chocolate. Tracy will connect with staff for window plans. Jo will purchase candles for luminaries.

Closing