

PTO Meeting Minutes
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Treasurers' Report:

- Expenditures for this month - teacher gifts, student shirts, Pumpkin Palooza
- Save Around Books Fundraiser: Estimated amount raised @\$5,000

Discussion regarding PTO funds to teachers to provide enrichment/enhancement classroom activities.

- Funds (\$2/student) given to each homeroom teacher to be used at the teacher's discretion.
- What about monetary support for other teachers? (Rdg/Math, OT/PT, Speech, etc.)
- *Info from prior year at other buildings:*
- Parker used to leave it as "by request" ie K graduation cake
- Barry alternated between specialists and homeroom teachers \$75/teacher each year. Teachers could also apply for mini-grants (up to \$150) for a specific project/event. Teachers present a request to demonstrate how the \$ would be used to enrich student learning/environment. We would need a form for teachers to apply for the grant: includes criteria, deadline, educational value etc.

From the Principal:

- Welcome Mr. Chu to our meeting. He and his wife are volunteers who host the afterschool chess and math clubs.
- Innovation lab is now open mid-day for students. Innovator's club has begun.
- 8:15 – 9:00 offers band, orchestra, chorus, innovators club and safety patrol
- Do we still want a yearbook for 3rd/4th grades? *Yes. This year's cost will be \$9/book*
- District is looking for vendor proposals for next year's photographer. Lissa Eckstrom and Andrea Kuretich are interested in being involved with the selection process.

Old Business:

- BoxTops still accepting "cut outs" Contest will run 11/18-11/22
- Pumpkin Palooza used 100 pumpkins. It was a good turn out. Trinity Valley was supplier for pumpkins and donuts. They could likely handle this AND Harvest day. Next year they suggested that they could drive up the tractor for kids to take pictures. Suggested to schedule event earlier in the day b/c of dark skies.

New Business:

- Possible Spring fundraiser - Pancake breakfast Deanne Marshall was the point person.
- Book fair Feb 11 - 14 **Volunteers needed on Thursday night 6-8p.m.** All profits come in scholastic bucks used for classroom libraries.
- **School.net** fundraiser Families do online shopping and school gets credit. We will get the school id soon, applicable at @400 merchants.
- Concern express regarding head lice. Costly to families to get rid of head lice. Suggested that PTO provide support to families who might need assistance. Maddie will explore cost of purchasing lice shampoo in bulk and laundry cards to local laundromats. Nurse can let families know the resource is available.
- Bus room kids are still waiting unentertained, perhaps the projector can be brought in to help.
- Last month's minutes were approved.