



Elliott Ranch PTO Meeting for 2/1/24

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm

Secretary Report

- Minutes posted late
 - Not able to distribute to members for two weeks
 - Table approval of January minutes until next meeting

Treasurer Report

- Budget passed out
- Recent transactions
 - Art Docent supplies
 - Receipt needs to be itemized
 - Reading Counts prizes for first trimester
 - \$589 for personal basketball t-shirts
 - \$20 per shirt because rushed
 - Asked players to pay for personal shirts
 - Got about \$375 back so far
 - Some families paid extra to cover cost of shirts for additional students
- Motion to approve the treasurer report
 - Motion seconded
 - Approved unanimously

Principal Update

- Wednesday 3/6 is Passport to Explore the World
 - During school day
- Tuesday 2/6 is the Elk Grove School Board meeting at 6
 - Our region presenting at this board meeting
 - Video of students and schools
- Basketball is winding down and volleyball starting up
- Shade structure
 - Contact in the district says it is going smoothly
 - Confirming the quote with the company this week
 - Next month have details for timeline and cost
 - Shade structure cost \$40,000 to \$50,000
 - PTO pay 50-60%
 - Expect cost to PTO to be \$20,000
- Black History assembly Friday 2/9
 - Maybe get a lion dancer to coincide with Lunar New Year
- Received grant from the Equity Department of the district
 - Funds Black Student Union and Latino Student Union
- Science Alliance does Science Fridays for every fifth grade class

- Upcoming onsite garden field trip in the Quad Wednesday 3/27 for 3rd and 4th grades
- School schedule
 - Two three day weekends coming up
 - No school Monday 2/12
 - No school Monday 2/19
 - Minimum days, out at 12:30 for conferences
 - Tuesday 2/27
 - Wednesday 2/28
 - Thursday 2/29
 - Friday 3/1
- Questions for the Principal:
 - Storage for PTO items?
 - Need to store items from Donuts with Santa
 - Principal follow up on storage shed near garden club

Garden Club Update

- Participating in Black History Month with collard greens recipe
- Club organizers got \$3000 grant from Whole Foods
 - Using for metal planter boxes, signage
- Interested in starting a Garden Club newsletter
 - Met Wednesday 1/31 to decided designs for newsletter
 - Hoping to have an online presence
 - Connect with volunteers and donations

Upcoming Events

- Dine and Donate
 - Chuck E Cheese Friday 2/16
 - Open during day remodeling after hours, get talking points to Ms. VanHousen
 - Lamppost Pizza to be scheduled
 - Probably Wednesday 2/21
 - Post on Talking Points
- Tile Fundraiser
 - Need measure wall and current tiles
 - Planning to order 152 tiles
 - Color Me Mine provide paint and fire tiles
 - Paint tiles Thursday 3/28
 - Presale only for \$50/tile
 - Possibly provide pizza
 - Will make a flier for teachers
 - make a link so can buy online
 - Motion to add a budget line item of \$1,600 for tiles
 - Seconded
 - Passed unanimous

- Reading Across the World Update
 - Previously Dr. Seuss/Rocket Read/Read Across America
 - Was a read-a-thon fundraiser
 - Decided to change goal to foster love of reading
 - Daily activities
 - Monday 3/4 Fox in Socks: Crazy sock day
 - Tuesday 3/5 Fun in the Sun: Sunglasses and beach towel for outside reading
 - Wednesday 3/6 Cultural Attire to coincide with Passport Across the World
 - Thursday 3/7 Read My Shirt: Shirts with fun and school appropriate writing
 - Friday 3/8: Cozy Up To a Good Book: Pajama day

Supporting our Library

- Librarian would like to raise \$500
 - Need more books and shelves
 - Fundraising ideas
 - Make reading event flier through Fundsite
 - Option to support our library by donation
 - Use bookfair credits to buy books
 - Use Spring Fling activity to get traffic into bookfair
 - Librarian interested in selling erasers to students
 - Mechanical pencil vending machine
 - Take part in tile painting or Art Docent gallery night
 - Library fundraising requires new budget line item
 - Currently have Library Fund which pays the librarian's salary
 - District only pays for a few hours a week
 - Need one budget line for librarian salary and one for library funds
 - Motion to change Library Fund budget line to Librarian Salary and create Library Fund budget line for raising and using library funds
 - Seconded, passed unanimous
- Anonymous donor gifted \$500 to new Library Fund
 - Total for Library Fund is now \$500

Spring Fling Update

- Friday 5/3rd from 5:30-8pm
- Food, games, raffle, silent auction, bookfair, bake sale, plant sale
- Changing the food options:
 - Pre-Order meal: BBQ chicken sandwiches and corn
 - Limited amount available for sale at event
 - Sell cheese pizza at event
- Changing Raffle:
 - \$5/ticket instead of \$1/ticket
 - Fill out less tickets

- Still a great cost for the prizes
 - Have to be on site to claim prize
- Outreach to teachers for game/basket/silent auction with Harvest Festival google sheet
- Working on sound equipment, DJ

Yearbook Update

- So far sold 139 yearbooks
 - 50 sold from Talking Points outreach
 - On sale until Thursday 2/15
 - Ads for sale until Thursday 2/8
- Some pages still need to be finished
 - Still need some team pictures and Latino Student Union
 - All classroom volunteers need to be done by Friday 2/16
- Runner ups for cover art
 - Displayed on the back of yearbook
 - Artists and their work featured in yearbook

Music Program Assembly

- Current music program for TK-2nd, Music Bus, hosts assemblies about music
 - Could do two assemblies, back to back
 - Costs \$6,840
- Already have a lot of assemblies
 - February has Black History Month assembly and
 - March has Spirit Assembly
 - April might have water conservation assembly
- Hold off on Music Assembly for now

PTO Equipment and Supplies

- PTO room organization
 - Share room with after school EXL program
 - would look more organized
 - Difficult to access boxes stacked on top of each other
 - Motion for \$500 out of General Budget to buy two shelving units
 - Secinded
 - Pass unanimous
- Red carpet and stanchions for PTO events
 - Funds already allocated for red carpet
 - Anonymous donor gifted 10 stanchions to PTO

Team Jersey Update

- Need more money for jerseys
 - Basketball and volleyball use different kinds of jerseys
 - Bought two sets for two sports, co-ed jerseys
 - \$30 per jersey, reversible, printed on both side

- Cost approximately \$1000
 - Haven't made back all the money from current year personal basketball jerseys purchase
- Motion raise amount by sports jerseys budget line item by \$400
 - Seconded
 - Passed unanimous

Treasurer Update

- Budget is technically in the negative for this year
 - Bank account had surplus from last year
 - Generally try to carry over \$10,000 from previous year
 - Shade Structure project took two years so have carryover of \$36,00 from last year
- Spring Fling expected to raise \$7,000

Next meeting Thursday 3/7, 6-7pm in the library

- Always the first Thursday of the month