**Sloan PTO General Assembly Meeting Minutes**

**01/18/2018**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by President Monica Bush

President Report

* + Upcoming Events for January, February and March:
  + Excess recess donations: New/gently used toys that can be used for indoor recess can be dropped off at any time to the greeter.
  + Box Tops collection and Backpacks 2 Go Food drive in February
  + Spring Parties – Valentine’s Day
  + Spirit Sales March 8-9: Swim bags
  + Spring Book Fair (week of March 19th, K attends)
  + March Math Madness – Wednesday, March 14th – Bake Sale
  + Science Night – March 23
    - This is when Science Jeopardy is done by Dr. Brecht
    - Bake sale at Science Night – call for donations will come out in early March

Vice President Report

* + Assemblies
    - Kids on the Block (in January)
    - Carnegie Science Center Assembly – Wild By Design – February 22nd
    - High School Musical – end of February
    - Fifth Grade Musical - March
  + Playground/Recess needs
    - Playground balls are supposed to be Nerf (for safety)
    - Acceptable items: chalk, jump ropes, hula hoops
  + Jump Rope for Health – the PTO will contribute a healthy snack
  + Nothing finalized for the Reading Challenge
    - Also allocated funds for a Visiting Author

Treasurer Report

* + Budget highlights
  + Teacher Grant Program
    - Monica reached out to people at other schools but didn’t get any response
    - We paid for all requests for the 2016-17 academic year
    - We need to get moving on this year’s program – Mrs. DiFulvio will present this to the staff at the March staff meeting

Secretary Report

* + Communications to send to Mrs. DiFulvio for mass communication – one week prior to the event so she can send to Cara Z a few days before.
    - March Math Madness
    - Science Night
    - Spring Family Fun Night (April 6)
  + Collection of Emails:
    - Have contact form ready to pass out at Kindergarten Orientation
    - Have opt-in for PTO newsletter on the Directory Form, not the Homeroom parent form.
    - Sign-up form at Open House
  + Timing of Kindergarten Orientation Program
    - Parents of Preschoolers: February 26th
    - I love my new school event: May 10th – 6-7:30 LGI
    - Screenings: May 16-18th
    - Meet and Greet: August 8th, 11:15 & 1:00
    - Bring back the Kindergarten Buddy Program – Nikki B has already volunteered.

Housekeeping Items

* + Approval of November’s General Assembly meeting minutes

New Business Open Discussion– Comments, Questions, Suggestions

1. Potential After School Program: painting with Ilona Ralston
   1. New Chair Volunteer: Talin Drabik. She will organize this
2. Updates from Mrs. DiFulvio:
   1. **Holiday Help program** – revamped this year and worked with a lot of local organizations and agencies. Served 148 students in the district. Served older kids as well as younger kids, and this wasn’t always the case.
   2. **Buddy Bench**: new trend of designating a bench for kids to go if they feel lonely. Not sure of how to go about this; need to teach the kids. Share with the Olweius Committee.
   3. Keep track of what is in the building that belongs to the PTO as we move through building moves. There are a lot of items in the basement, especially from 5th grade farewell events.
      1. Need to locate the ducks for the Duck Race
3. Hero Lunch: PTO supplies treats (Hershey Bars), PTO takes pictures – February 28th
   1. Middle School has a laser cutter (vs. Mrs. Hartman using her 3-D printer to make a badge like last year)
4. Mrs. Callihan – attended the meeting to say “thank you” to the PTO for all we do to support the teachers and the students
5. Treat day for the teachers: we didn’t do it on the Parent Teacher Conference so we have budget left over. Mrs. DiFulvio suggested that we do this on the day that the administrators walk the building
   1. February 21; first lunch period is 11:30
6. Teacher Appreciation Lunch – 5/9
   1. Need to make sure the event is on the LGI calendar and Felicia knows how the room needs to be set up
7. Remake Learning – 5/17 in the evening
8. DanceAThon: get the planning committee together in the spring to talk about next year’s event

Action items:

1. Create a submission form for the grant program – Carla and Monica
2. eBlast for Teacher Treat day (Feb 21)

Meeting closed at 8:45 pm by President Monica Bush

***Next PTO General Assembly Meeting: May 8, 2018 @7 pm in the LGI***