

Elliott Ranch Parent Teacher Organization Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:05 by president

Quorum met

Minutes

- Posted online for last and current month
- Motion to pass March and April minutes
 - Seconded and passed unanimous

Fundraising Report

- Earned \$165 from Chuck E Cheese in April
 - Overall raised a lot with Chuck E Cheese this year
 - came out and participated at the Rocket Run
- Last two Dine & Donates in May:
 - Thursday 5/15 at Raising Canes
 - Will come out and provide lemonade after school
 - Friday 5/16, minimum day, at Chuck E Cheese
- Year to date earned \$4,604
 - 131% over last year, woo hoo!
 - Next year, try to find more diversity with local restaurants
 - This year did a great job asking for suggestions, tying into holidays

Principals Update

- Busy time of year, pto is amazing!
- This week having lunches in the quad, full quad for each grade
- Please do survey for district, due by Friday 5/9
 - Last year got 57% participation when most schools only get 30%
- TK Play
 - Student shows this Thursday 5/1
 - Parent reception this Friday 5/2
- Testing Season
 - Standardized testing start Monday 5/5 for 3rd-6th
 - Speak with every 4th, 5th and 6th grader
 - Give feedback to each student on previous scores
 - This year can show their writing scores
 - Testing scores are mailed to home during the summer,
 - Can also look up scores on Parent Vue
 - District can use scores to place in honors classes
- Volleyball season is successful
- Spring Fling coming up

- Book Fair going on this week
 - Hoping younger grades come over
- Kinder Blast Off: Last day of school @11

Rocket Run

- Beat our goal, Raised \$35,985
 - Still getting two more donations from employer matches
 - Will be over \$36,000
 - Gave less than \$4,000 to hosting site
- Next year schedule better so it is in the fall
 - Not compete with other events
 - Get business sponsors

Big Project: Digital Marquee

- Two options, both cost approx \$37,000 for marquee and installation
 - MP Wall Marquee
 - Needs to be larger for visibility from the street
 - One sided
 - Easy to run electricity to from MP
 - Office Lawn Marquee
 - Can be smaller since more visible
 - Double sided
 - Electricity has to come from building and run through the ground
 - Discussion and consensus that the office lawn marquee is a better option
- Motion for the PTO to purchase and install a digital marquee in the lawn outside the office
 - Seconded, passed unanimous

Financial Report

- Still receiving funds from Rocket Run and Dine & Donates
- Still paying out for TCSP

Budget

- Need to vote on the budget for next year 25-26
 - Propose a new \$32-33,000 budget line item for digital marquee. Two options: Plan A and Plan B
 - Plan A: Add \$32,000 Digital Marquee budget line to 2025-2026 budget only
 - Plan B: Add \$23,000 Digital Marquee budget line to 2024-2025 budget and \$10,000 Digital Marquee budget line to 2025-2026 budget
 - Discussion
 - Office lawn marquee costs \$23,375

- Additional costs for installation, running electricity, likely \$37,000 total cost.
 - Deposit is half the cost of the lawn marquee: approx \$12,000
 - Price of the sign goes up on Thursday 5/1 due to tariffs
 - If vote for Plan B then can send off order tonight and lock in lower price before tariffs
- Propose new Volunteer Appreciation budget line of \$2500
 - Do something for PTO volunteers
 - A way to put back into the org so don't burn out
 - Have an event? Catered? At the clubhouse?
 - Balance budget by reduce expense elsewhere
- Propose new Sports Boosters budget line of \$2000
 - None of the school sports (volleyball, basketball, track) get money from the PTO
 - Sports needs:
 - The jerseys PTO bought last year are too small
 - Volleyball only had 4 balls for 57 students trying out
 - Would like to have an end of season banquet
 - Can raise money by selling snacks at games
 - PTO can organize amongst sports parents
 - Balance budget by increase Rocket Run income by \$2000
- Propose increase Staff Morale budget line by \$2000
 - Provide teachers with fleeces
 - Balance budget by increase Rocket Run income by \$2000
- Motion to amend the 24-25 budget as follows (printed handout provided):
 - Add \$27,000 Digital Marquee Budget Expense Line.
 - Increase Teacher Appreciation Budget Line by \$1,000; balance budget by taking \$1000 from Rocket Run Expense line.
 - Discussed: covers over 80 staff including paraprofessionals, last year had that additional \$1,000 budgeted
 - Motion seconded and passed unanimous
- Motion to adopt the Plan B 25-26 budget with changes from 24-25 budget as follows (printed handout provided):
 - Membership income increased from \$11k to \$13k
 - Rocket Run income increased from \$25k to \$31,500
 - Rocket Run expense increased from \$12,351 to \$12,500
 - Flock A Friend expense decreased from \$500 to \$307
 - ER Eats Out income increased from \$2k to \$3k
 - Merchandise Sales income increased from \$400 to \$550
 - Merchandise Sales expense increased from \$400 to \$550 [all money goes to staff morale so net is 0]
 - The Rock income increased from \$180 to \$300
 - Warrior Martial Arts deleted with net of \$400

- Zbest Coupon Book income decreased from \$3k to \$235
- Checking Account Interest increased from 3% to 5%
- Digital Marquee expense decreased from \$27k to \$10k [total budgeted cost for Digital Marquee over two budget years is \$37k]
- Music Program deleted with net of -\$7k
- Staff Appreciation income decreased from \$2,300 to \$2,000
- Staff Appreciation expense decreased from \$6,300 to \$6,000
- Staff Morale income decreased from \$1k to 0
- Staff Morale expense decreased from \$6,300 to 3k (net decreased from -1k to -3k for shirts for Sept)
- Yearbook income increased from \$1,600 to \$2,400
- Harvest Festival income decreased from \$8,200 to \$8,000 (expense includes that raised from games to hosting teachers)
- Popsicles in the Park income increased from 0 to \$200
- Add Volunteer Appreciation budget line of \$2,500
- Add Sports Boosters budget line of \$2,000
- Motion seconded and passed unanimous

Teacher Appreciation Week

- Hollywood Stars theme
 - All events in Staff Room
 - Decorating Friday 5/2 after school
 - Posters for classroom doors
 - Classroom Liaisons make, get poster board from vice president
 - Hang up by next Tuesday 5/6
- Events:
 - Monday 5/5: Backstage Bites
 - Lanyard with details, snacks etc
 - Tuesday 5/6: Latte and Lights
 - Starbucks, delivered before school
 - Wednesday 5/7: Cast Party Potluck
 - Food from families for school staff
 - Thursday: Popcorn and Paparazzi
 - Flavor toppings for the popcorn and photo op
 - Friday: A-list Acai Finale
 - Acai bowls for school staff
- Features:
 - Teacher vote on fun awards, such as Best Supporting Role
 - Receive treat award at next staff meeting
 - Fan Mail from the students and families for teachers

Spring Fling

- Next Friday 5/9

- Very soon after big Rocket Run fundraiser so going to have a super chill event
- Pre-sale tickets online now; ends Monday 5/5
- Events:
 - Raffle
 - Grade level baskets & PTO basket
 - Silent Auction
 - Go live Monday 5/5 of next week
 - Food
 - Spam musubi
 - Boba
 - Order will be up from 100 to 200 drinks
 - Roasted corn
 - Vendor donating all proceeds
 - Snacks and drinks
 - Games
 - Teachers & PTO provide games
 - Bake Sale
- Getting volunteers from high school, middle school

Last meeting of the year!

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm