



PTO MINUTES

Trailblazer Elementary

November 16, 2021 4:30pm | Meeting called to order by *Kim Gayeski, PTO President*

1. In Attendance

- Katie Sodaro-Jensen, Principal
- Christine Pommé, Assistant Principal
- PTO Board members & Kathy Goldberg

2. Treasurer's Report

- Current balance: \$62,222.40
 - Does not include approved/not yet paid: \$8,000 technology
- Approval of transfers listed in the Treasurer's Report: \$16,661.70
 - **Voted: APPROVED**

3. Principal's Update

- PBIS theme is Gratitude
- Kindness Crews (K-3rd) will be starting soon, applications have been received
- Reading Curriculum to be determined – Benchmark Workshop (K-5th), Benchmark Advanced (6th) and Wonders
 - Needs to be chosen by January
 - More research on each program needs to be done to make decision
 - Katie will provide an update once decision is made
- School budget is not in a position that's ideal
 - 26 students below projected number
 - Katie met with Rochelle and received projections for TBE technology needed items
 - Rochelle presented where TBE is at with the technology - \$8,000.00 to be received from PTO, \$3,400.00 from last year, about \$5,000.00 needed to be at a level that's acceptable for the school's technology.
 - After this year, 213 of TBE Chromebooks will be obsolete due to outdated technology. Purchased 40 with bond and can purchase 110 with additional bond, which means TBE needs 63 Chromebooks (which allows 23 Chromebooks as supplemental/backup)
 - To purchase those 23 Chromebooks, would cost \$13,234.00
 - Attendee asked what the district does with the 213 obsolete Chromebooks and Katie wasn't sure. She will inquire and provide an update.
 - Katie met with Cindy, TBE Librarian, to discuss the status of the library
 - Cindy said an "At Risk" library, average year of the books is 2009 and TBE average is 2005

- Katie is estimating that \$10k would be needed to update the library
- Attendee asked if we could have a book sale at TBE to buy new books for library
- Attendee said if we could specify where fundraising nights go to, such as a library makeover
- Katie said the teachers have been excited about recent professional development and enjoy coming to TBE to share information

4. Grant Applications

- Ms. L. Glosick – Attendance for conference for Special Ed - \$200.00
- Ms. D. Gloabider – Attendance for conference for Special Ed - \$200.00
- Mr. C. – Indoor curing set to introduce the sport for all students- \$630.00
 - **Voted: APPROVED (all 3x)**

5. Volunteers Needed

- PTO has been asked to help with recruiting volunteers
- Becky Walker is looking for parents' volunteers to help with the days that the SLC has events and asked PTO to help volunteer
 - Requested the PTO purchase the hot chocolate and materials for this event
- Cindy Garrett is looking for volunteers in the library

6. TBE/Thunder Ridge HS Scholarship

- Anne Dawson will contact someone at TRHS to see if we can coordinate finding a student who went to TBE and will be graduating Thunder Ridge for this \$500.00 scholarship.

7. Fun Run

- Do we want to use a different company next year?
 - El Dorado uses a different company, possibly contact them for ideas
 - Katie said contact at Boosterthon is emailing her asking for answer
- Someone needs to take the lead if we switch companies
 - Would be on the teachers to do additional work/marketing, etc. if we chose a different company
 - Attendee said we could try a spring "a-thon" so we could try a different company without missing out on the Fun Run and the monies it brings TBE
 - Determined that we will use Boosterthon for the 2022 school year since the PTO is new and still getting use to all events/programs
 - Boosterthon will extend deadline for us to confirm

8. Future Purchases and Additional Needs

- Future purchases
- Additional technology needs
- Teacher/continuing ed
- Library needs
- Outdoor needs – possibly more trees?

9. PTO Social Night – Grist

- Kathleen provided an update on how the night went. Volunteers signed up to assist with various events throughout the school year