



PTO MINUTES

Trailblazer Elementary

April 19, 2022 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

2. Scholarship Winner

• Sonrisa Scott is a Senior at ThunderRidge High School. She will be studying Biology as a PreMed student at University of North Carolina, Capel Hill. She was a Trailblazer Elementary student. The District will be sending a check directly to the school for her scholarship award.

3. Treasurer's Report

- Lorrie confirmed that the check for Restaurant Nights was received
- Only additional approved item that we haven't paid out yet is the \$1,000.00 for the STEM/Robotics (approved at last meeting)
- Other items that need to be considered for upcoming purchases are: Garden Club, Teacher Appreciation Week, Kindergarten/6th Grade Graduation, Parent's Night Out event
- **Approved Fund transfers (Grant Requests were approved at prior meetings)**
 - Guitar Tuners (A. Marley) - \$203.88
 - Hero Sensory Mat Module (E. Ridgley) - \$120.00
 - Welcome Bags for new students (B. Bates) - \$500.00
 - Clay for Art Department (Anderson) - \$50.35
 - Keyboards (A. Marley) - \$1,989.20
 - **TOTAL TRANSFER - \$2,159.55 (VOTED, APPROVED)**
 - Vocabulary A-Z Subscription (Tesar / Henley) - \$126.00
 - Ameritowne trip transportation (Casey / 5th Grade) - \$400.00
 - Secret Stories (Kindergarten) - \$241.98
 - Box Set Books (B. Bates) - \$117.05
 - Library update / books to be purchased - \$5,000.00
 - **TOTAL TRANSFER - \$5,885.03 (VOTED, APPROVED)**
- **Approved Fund Transfers (Non-Grant Transfers)**
 - 1st Place Sportswear – Teacher Appreciation Shirts - \$1,086.75
 - **TOTAL TRANSFER - \$1,086.75 (VOTED, APPROVED)**
 - Chipotle – Parent/Teacher conferences dinner - \$363.00
 - Red Robin – Parent/Teacher conferences dinner - \$329.70
 - **TOTAL TRANSFER - \$692.70 (VOTED, APPROVED)**

4. Principal's Update

- Earth Day Kindness Crew – Picked up garbage outside and made announcements to the school about the amount of garbage and taking care of the environment.
- Starting Wonders Training – April 25th
- TBE in the works of adding another preschool as a method of increasing enrollment
 - Katie met with Lisa Graham (the Director of Preschool) and they decided that since there is space available, it would be a win-win
 - Universal Pre-K is in the works and a discussion point
- Just finished CMAS testing and will be getting year end data soon

5. Voting on Board Positions

- President Position for 2022/2023 – Kayla Mander
- Treasurer Position for 2022/2023 – Stacy Klein
 - **VOTED, APPROVED**

6. Technology Funding Update

- Rashell Lemmons met with a DCSD representative
 - The District ordered 94 Chromebook, which is the remaining portion of the bond election money
 - TB is 50 Chromebooks short in replacements, but have permission to use obsolete Chromebooks (however they are not allowed for testing, including CMAS)
 - They are obsolete because they cannot update to the newest operating system and they are 7 years old
 - There is a new grant available from DCSD and we will not know if the grant is approved until August/fall season. Rashell applied for the grant and requested:
 - 50 Chromebook
 - 19 projectors that are older (A classroom projector currently costs \$503.00)
 - Classroom light/sound systems

7. Library Funding Update

- Cindy said that at the beginning of the year the District determined the status of the TB library to be at a lacking/deficient state and shows it was unattended for a while – The average book was at a 2005
 - About 40% of current TBE books were removed in order to bring in newer books
 - Received \$5,000 from PTO, \$2,000 from book fairs and the District matched the \$2,000, so there's a total of \$9,000.00 available for library improvements
 - With improvements made, TB library is now in the "Proficient" range
 - A company was hired to recycle the books that were removed and also donate the books that were in good condition
- Kim mentioned a fundraiser option – The author who wrote a book called Shadow Siblings offered to promote the book at TBE and each book sold would give \$5.00 back to TB

8. Grant Request

- Dana Cooper (Occupational Therapist & Diane Fulwider (Speech Language Therapist)
 - Tasks Galore, 6x Resource Books – Awesome activities for SSN students grades K-6
\$319.00 – VOTED, APPROVED

9. Restaurant Night

- Kathleen said she confirmed the details with the manager at Papa Murphy's for the 04/20 restaurant night - \$4.00 back from each large/family pizza ordered
- Kona Ice will be coming at Field Day in May
- To date, we've made approx. \$2k in profit from our restaurant nights

10. TBE Garden Update

- Kathleen's mom, who is in HR Garden Club, recruited a Douglas County Master Gardener (certified through the State of Colorado) Kathleen, her mom and the Master Gardener have agreed to work on the TBE Garden Club and oversee the project
- K-4th Grade Kids came to the garden and helped clean and plant
- Budget - \$500.00
 - Master Gardener brought all the seeds which were provided to her from Ace Hardware
 - Mountain Vista has a full hydroponic classroom, which we will purchase needed items from
 - There are some sprinkler issues, which are in the works for getting repaired. The costs could range from
- We should promote that the garden produce is available to the whole community

11. Spiritwear

- Have sold to date 76 items and made a commission of \$130.00

12. Teacher Appreciation Week

- Week is planned out and more information will be sent out.

13. Continuation Ceremonies – 6th & Kindergarten

- Teachers have discussed with parent re: needing assistance
- Still in the works

14. Calendar of Events for the 2022-23 School Year

- General discussion of calendar events and planning/coordination with those events
 - Back to School Bash
 - Ninja Nation is preferred vs. Bouncy House company used in 2022
 - Rent carnival games vs. have our own

15. Open Comments

- Katie asked if PTO could supply more Starbucks gift cards for the staff. Need about 4-5 more before end of the year. They are \$5.00/each card
 - Kim will go get those and provide to Katie
- Next Wednesday is Kindergarten open house/orientation
 - Kayla will attend and make introductions on behalf of PTO and hopefully get new families to attend meetings/get involved
- Kim mentioned Code Ninja as a possible fundraiser/partnership
 - Offers nights where they offer classes
- Kayla asked that for any Volunteer Appreciation Night to spread the word so we can get an updated RSVP
- Megan asked if we could set up a Coloradogives.org account for crowdfunding purposes
 - She'll email Lorrie to get direction on how to get an account started

