

Partners in Education Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2024 - 8:15 am

Welcome & Introductions (Facilitated by Vanessa M. & Amanda B)

Attendance: Director Jessie Massey, Amanda B., Vanessa M., Kristen P., Kendra J., Sara H., Anna G., Mike J., Shannon J., Erika M., Johnathan M., Stephen S., Shannon S., Jerry W., Gina M., Erin B., Bela

3 Zoom Attendees

Fun Run & Fall Festival Recap (Presented by Vanessa M.)

Total Fundraised: \$35,327

- 99pledges, cash, check, sponsorships, carnival tickets sales

Expenses: \$8,837

- Includes credit card fees, event expenses, fundraising prizes

Net Income: \$26,489

Ms. Massey discussed in the future working with MEF to help support fundraising with the QR codes to the platform to avoid the 4.2% credit card fees that we pay through other platforms

- The new structure through MEF allow us to have financial liability and tax liability support
 - This system is experiencing some tweaks and adjustments as things roll out

Send an email to TrailsidePIE@gmail.com if you're interested in more detailed information about fundraising.

What went well:

- Event attendance
- Fun Run during the school day
 - All students were able to participate in the Fun Run
 - All students received a Trailside silicone wristband after the Fun Run
- Bouncy castles
- Bake sale made \$827

Challenges:

- Not enough event volunteers
- Cost of pizza increasing
- Cost of prizes increasing
 - We had to pay for limo when in the past it has been free
 - 5% of the pledge money goes to prizes
- Equity of fundraising prizes
 - If you have ideas about improving this please share with us
 - One idea that was suggested is rewarding students based on number of donations they received rather than the amount of money they fundraised
 - We drew out of hat for additional students to be able to go to the ice cream party
- Different prize structure for 7th and 8th grade

- We did not see an increase in participation
- Maybe we need to work more on on-boarding them/excite them about the prizes
 - Maybe a middle school dance could be a prize?
- Is face painting needed?
 - Maybe consider glitter tattoos next year

Thank you sponsors! (Presented by Vanessa M.)

Please support these businesses and be sure to tell them thanks for supporting Trailside!

- **Juan Muñoz** at HomeSmart: <https://www.homesindenvernow.com>
- **Joe Solomon** at Compass: <https://www.compass.com/agents/joe-solomon/>
- **Mike Hayter & Alyssa Beckett** at Hayter's & Co: <https://www.haytersandco.com>
- **Sarah Alquist** at Carelon Behavioral Health: <https://www.carelonbehavioralhealth.com/>
- **Erin Brumleve & Laura Fritz** at Innov8 Properties: <https://www.innov8properties-denver.com/>
- **Mark Harrington** at Acrisure: <https://www.acrisure.com/northwest>



Financial Report (Presented by Amanda B.)

- Amanda shared our PIE Budget & Expenses
- Of the money raised from the Fun Run and Fall Festival, PIE will keep \$5,000 in our account and the remainder will be in the student activities account for the school to be utilized solely for student expenses
 - Taxpayer funding that the school has cannot be used for teacher support
 - PIE tries to focus our funds on teacher support since our account does not have these same limitations

- Our goal is spring semester is to start Teacher Support Grants so that teachers can ask for support in acquiring items for their classrooms
 - Our goal is to allocate \$1000 to this cause
- Spiritwear
 - Our first Spiritwear order was very successful, there were a total of 360 garments ordered and printed by The T-Shirt Factory
 - Teachers were able to purchase at a discount
 - This was not used as chief fundraiser because we wanted to offer affordable spiritwear options to our students

Teacher Support Exit Surveys (Presented by Amanda B.)

- PIE officers met with teachers during a staff meeting in September to introduce ourselves and explain our role in the school
- We also provided an anonymous survey and answered any questions brought up
- Our survey highlighted some needs/goals of the teachers:
 - Volunteer help in the classroom, in lunchroom and during recess
 - Bilingual support, specifically middle school needs for bilingual volunteers. They'd also like to see more Spanish books in the library, and Spanish translation of events, documents, and communication
 - Middle School wishes- more social events and activities (maybe a dance)
 - Grants for larger purchases (hence our desire to start a grant program)
 - Guest Speakers
 - "Community Experts" on Expeditionary Learner models
 - Ms. Massey to help us create a list of these needs and of the EL units
 - More School Spirit Opportunities

Volunteer Update (Presented by Kristen P.)

- We would like to grow our Volunteer Opportunities
 - We need volunteers to do so
 - Areas we'd like to grow:
 - In-class assistance (small groups, assisting with tasks around classroom such as organization or making copies)
 - Share talents with students (such as career information, hobbies, skills or passions)
 - Facilitate recess games
 - Lunchroom monitoring
 - Recess monitoring
 - After school enrichment support (more information later in meeting)
 - Volunteering does not have to be on a recurring basis, can be as you are able, and can be planned in advance
 - Reach out to Kristen at TrailsidePIE@gmail.com if you are interested in getting involved with any of these volunteer opportunities

Volunteer Enrichment Opportunities (Presented by Anna G.)

- Discussed the existing after school enrichment program with 21st Century Grant
 - Cost of each vendor is \$1500 for 6 weeks

- Our budget allows for only 5 vendors per 6 week session
- Grant serves about 90 kids with 75 hours of enrichment over the course of the year
- We would like to increase our program offerings with the support of volunteers who can run clubs
 - Many examples provided (see slide)
 - Games
 - Puzzles
 - Crafts
 - Outdoor explorer
 - Community Involvement is also an important part of the grant, and this would help fulfill that part of the Grant's goals
- If you are interested, please sign up on <https://tinyurl.com/TrailsideClubs>

Do you have a talent, skill, hobby, or just time to share for Trailside after school programs?

SEEKING AFTER SCHOOL CLUB VOLUNTEERS!



Last year Trailside was awarded a 21st Century Grant from the State of CO, which has initiated our after school programming! Given the cost of vendor programs, the grant alone cannot serve the breadth of students at Trailside at one time. **To bolster our program and serve more students we hope to engage parents and volunteers in a community-based effort to enhance programming.** Consider volunteering to run a club below, or propose one!

EXAMPLE VOLUNTEER-LED CLUBS

- Chess or Board game club
- Arts & Crafts club
- Knitting or crochet club
- Puzzle club
- Foreign language club
- Acting/drama club
- Book Club
- Sports club (any sport!)
- Student council or leadership
- Math Club (or Tutoring)
- Lexia Computer Literacy (monitor students as they work independently)
- Learn to Draw club (could be YouTube led)
- Playdoh or Clay club
- Jewelry making club
- Learn to Type club
- Outdoor explorers
- Dance club

More details!

- Next club session will start in January after break and run for 6 weeks
- Clubs run after school from 3-4:15pm 1x per week on Tues, Wed, or Thurs
- Select the grades you would like to work with (K-8th)
- Enrichment coordinator will create rosters & offer support
- Background check required
- School can purchase all materials needed for your club

To inquire, fill out this interest form:

<https://tinyurl.com/TrailsideClubs>

Or for questions or more info contact:

dentk@mapleton.us



Sunshine Committee Update (Presented by Sara H.)

- Thank you for contributing to the Treat Trolley in September, was very much appreciated by teachers and staff
- Fall Conference Meals
 - One night we prepared Soups and Salads with parent contributions
 - The next night we prepared Costco Platters for the teachers
- Save the date: Next Treat Trolley is on Friday December 13th
 - Sign-ups to be sent out soon
 - Volunteers should arrive by 8:00am

Library Update (Presented by Stephen S. & Kendra J.)

- Library is entirely volunteer-run and that is overseen by PIE
- Working to create a “wishlist” of books
 - Taking requests from teachers and students
 - We will add a library wish list tab to the PIE Website once it is available
 - Volunteers assessing gaps in our library inventory and trying to have materials available for all grade levels (preschool to 8th grade)
 - Specifically looking to increase our materials for middle schoolers
 - We are using Scholastic money available from Book Fair to purchase books as well as accepting donations of wished for materials
- Would like to meet with other school volunteer librarians to collaborate and share ideas
- Book Fair will be in February
 - Plan to make a list of items that can be available for families to purchase for the library