West Middle PTO General Meeting

April 11, 2023m, 7pm Library

Attendees: Jeanna Gossett, Katie Harris, Kahra Eisenbath, Tamara Welliver, Myriam Gitt, Martin White, Dana Lorenz, Lisa Tarter, Stephanie Stokes, Eva Carbaugh, Lori Conran, Casey Pfarr, Marcy Curtis, Liza Lampi, Cathy Breckenkamp, Anne Branch, Pamela Betz, Anne Branch, and Karen Yannakakis

**Call to order**: 7:07 p.m.

**Review of March Minute**s:  First Notion: Casey Pfarr, Second Notion: Lori Conran

**President’s Update:** Julie Wyatt

Parents contacted Dr. Marty and requested to review the dates of elections with voting in school buildings.  The calendar committee is quickly responding to this matter and other superintendents are working together to find common ground with the election board as well.

Project Parkway 3.0 is underway. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 17th. All parents are encouraged to attend to learn about the direction of the district as well as having their voice heard. Project Parkway will guide our district over the next 5 years – including revisiting the vision and core values. The district is reshaping the vision statement of Parkway based on the parent survey.

May 1-5th: Food drive at school. PTO is partnering with the Lighthouse club.

**President’ Elect Update**:  Myriam Andrews

Nomination Committee results; Presentation of 2023/2024 Executive Board Candidates

Nominations from the floor:

Casey Pfaff, President Elect

Tamara Welliver, VP of Communications

Stephanie Stokes, VP of Fundraising

Mary Curtis, Secretary

Robin Hayes, VP of Community

Martin White, VP of Treasurer

There were no additional nominations. The candidates will be voted on at the May meeting.

**Treasurer Update**: Emily Schlick/ Julie Wyatt

Budget Review and vote on 2023/2024 proposed budget during May meeting.

In February, we voted to commit $40K to support a new sound system. The bid came in at $54K. An additional $7K has been raised since February. Presently, we are at $47K for the new sound system. . SSD is providing $1900. We need to raise $4863.00 by next school.

For May meeting, the request is to add notes separating out gaga pit cost and teacher grants on the budget ledger. Suggestion to preserve $5K Teacher Grants

Motion to approve that the PTO will approve $54K: Lisa Tarter, 2nd motion: Lori Conran.

**Fundraising Committee Update**:  Pamela Betz and Jeanna Gossett (shadows, Stephanie Stokes and Myriam Andrews)

Rock and Roll Bingo. Current income to date: $16,571.71

5th grade signs – Welcome to PMWS yard signs. Selling at $25/sign. These donations can be earmarked for the sound system.

Spirit Wear:

Direct Giving:

Pretzel Friday: Last one scheduled.

**Communications Report**:  Jen McCurdy- keep up with PTO through monthly emails, Facebook posts and updates in Dr. Kealen’s Longhorn Way

**Community Report**:  Anne Branch

* Lucky to be a Longhorn Fun Run:  Robyn Hayes
* Cotillion:  Jamie Gumpel. Wrapping up.
* Staff Appreciation:  Kate Deckelbaum. Scheduled for the week of May 8th. Theme: Thank you for Coloring our Lives for our children. Each day is a color theme. The Lighthouse group will supplement volunteers to help the PTO during this week. Katie has requested an additional $900 to fund Teacher Appreciation week. A motion to approve $500. First motion: Pamela Betz, Second motion: Lisa Tarter.
* 8th Grade Celebration:  Robyn Hayes, Mandy Kelly, Kristen Merriman. The committee asked to approve an additional $1000. Dr. Kealen shared he does not plan to use budgeted $700 for Beatification and $150 for Principal line item. It was recommended approve $850 for 8th Grade Celebration. First motion: Pamela Betz, Second Motion: Jeanna Gossett.
* Longhorn Pride/ Beautification:  Dr. Kealen. Spring has sprung!
* 6th Grade Rep:  Stephanie Stokes, Myriam Andrews. No report.
* 7th Grade Rep:  Aurella Clinkscale, Angie Stevens. No report.
* 8th Grade Rep:  Kate Deckelbaum, Lori Conran. Six Flags. Discission re. T-Shirts for Field Trip. ½ the money came out of PTO budget. ½ money came from the school budget.

**Principals Report:**  Dr. Kealen

West Walk Week: Teachers went into each other’s plan time vs. team meeting. This helped get them out of their bubble. Today, a faculty meeting took place prior to school– it was a celebration event.

He took fourteen 8th graders to Jefferson City last week for Glory of Missouri Award ceremony.

The last 6th grade camp took place 2 weeks ago.

Map testing is taking place the week of May 8th.

Going into next school year the Character Education program is being evaluated. The building has been facilitating the Leader in Me program. It cost a large sum of money to subscribe to this program. Through a process of surveying staff and conversation with leadership staff, they have come to agreement to stop funding the money but still focus on the 7 Habits. There will be a refresh of the Character Education program. He will be asking for parent input into the Character Education program. Lead Time may be rebranding.

Anyone with high school students is encourage the next WPO meeting, April 20th at 7:00pm at the West High cafeteria.

**Old Business:**  PTO Sound System Commitment

**New Business**: None

**Adjourn:** 8:32pm.

**Final Meeting:** Thursday, May 11, 2023, 7pm Library