

Ensign PTA
Monthly Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes for Friday, February 4, 2022
11:30 AM - 1 PM

In-Person Attendees:

Melissa Brownell, Maria Enniss, Therese Huhtala, Erik Jacobson, Melissa Kendrick, Lauren McBrier, Emily Neuman, Elizabeth Payne, Katrina Stratford

Zoom Attendees:

Ashley Anderson, Kelly Baron, Maria Borisevich, Jenny Desha, Chris Jones, Stephanie King, Chrystal Mancuso-Smith, Lisa Mangiapani, Torrie Migoli, Devon Musson Rose, Jana Neal, Hester Paul, Amanda Pulliam, Juliette Tennert

Excused:

Conducted by: PTA Co-Presidents (Lauren McBrier & Emily Neuman)

Notes taken by: PTA Secretary (Therese Huhtala)

Dates to Note:

- February 10: Write Your Heart Out (moved to Zoom)
- February 14: Tinikling practice begins
- February 15: Asynchronous Day
- February 21: No school (holiday)
- March 1-3: SEP Conferences; SEP dinner for teachers: March 2, 2022
- Next PTA meeting is Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM
 - Called a vote to move the meeting from March 11 at 11:30 AM to March 10 at 7:30 PM
 - **Approved by majority vote** (2 no votes).
- March 14-18: Celebrate Our Diversity Week; Multicultural Night at the Library: March 16
- April 23, 2022: Gallery Stroll

Welcome

Commissioner Reports

1. Supporting Teachers Chair (Melissa Brownell)
 - Staff lunch: Thank you to PTA from the teachers; the food was amazing.
 - SEP conference dinner to feed about 27 people.
 - Requests for support from teachers:
 - Ms. Toney wants to plan a college and career week in March/April. *set for March 21-25*
 - A week where students go to counseling class and have parents come in to talk with kids.
 - PTA to help find volunteers and to help make it a special week (i.e., college colors day).
 - If interested, send ideas to Lauren or Emily or talk with Ms. Toney.
 - It would be ideal to have one parent as the point person to help plan.
 - First or second week of April?
 - PTA is in favor of something simple with one colors day and it taking place 99% in Ms. Toney's room.
 - We should go through room parents to recruit volunteers.
 - Maria Enniss volunteered to be the point person if it's done in March.
 - Classroom supplies request from Ms. Bernadine. Need to vote. We can say yes to \$300 at this moment (it's not allocated but we can offer it).
 - Basketballs at \$243.91 plus tax is the request (40 = \$6.29 each)
 - Katrina mentioned that if she goes through the district catalog, it could be cheaper.

- **Motion:** Yes or no vote to approve 40 basketballs with Ms B. checking to make sure the district isn't cheaper (if she already bought them, we can communicate that info to her).
- Katrina will communicate this info to her.
- **Vote to approve:** approved by majority vote; **Katrina to follow up on lower costs using the district catalog for future purchases.**
- Maturation supplies request (PTA used to supply bags):
 - PTA to give Ms. Toney supplies for her room (deodorant and menstruation products).
 - Request to spend up to \$50; PTA members stressed the importance of this request.
 - **Vote to approve:** approved by majority vote.
 - Lume Deodorant mentioned as an option by Maria E.

2. Academic Enrichment Chair (Ashley Anderson)

- Ashley has agreed to chair again next year; **volunteers requested** to be responsible for various activities.
- STEAM fair:
 - Good participation: from every grade and from over half of the classrooms.
 - 3 students went to district; regional fair info coming soon.
 - Ashley wants to have a mini STEAM assembly on teams to announce state fair participants.
 - Erik thinks morning announcements is the platform for that to make sure everyone sees it.
 - Regional fair is March 8th; anytime around then would work.
 - Students can share 1- to 2-minute videos up until March 15.
 - Emily said it was tremendously high quality.
 - Ashley: Thanks to those who participated.
 - Lauren: Thanked Ashley; Nearpods were very high quality.
 - Kelly Barton will be leading STEAM fair next year and suggested that someone co-chair as a shadow so that person can lead the subsequent year.
- Garden: stem action grant (money for seeds)
 - Seeds will be ordered after Valentine's Day.
 - Current classes participating: Stratford, Cornelius, Sprague, Keen, and Kerr.
 - Ashley asked Erik about turning the drip lines on or do we need to consider anything else (before he leaves)? Paul and Grounds probably have a date, but **we need to put it on the calendar and tell teachers.**
 - Erik confirmed that we do not need to do anything else to manage the space.
- Fine arts:
 - Looking for ways to share art and clay projects.
 - Tanner Dance: as we near Gallery Stroll, maybe we should **survey faculty to see where the interests are.** Katrina agreed to help us with the survey design.
 - Dr. Johnson at U: having some of his students come down at least for Ms. Hamilton's class (this is on the table for spring and still being discussed).
 - Tinkling
 - We need volunteers to help.
 - Next week will be a master class for parents to learn about it and find out how to help.
 - We need a lead parent from 6th grade; the kids can't perform at Gallery Stroll if they don't have a 6th-grade parent lead.
 - Therese asked about mixing classes/masking during practice and transparency.
- Other ideas for Ensign's arts program:
 - Debate
 - Contact Ashley with ideas
 - Erik mentioned wanting to bring the Destination, Imagination competition (problem solving, teamwork, performing).
- Covid discussed; Erik mentioned the following changes since the mask mandate was terminated:
 - Can't enforce or require masks.
 - Can't group kids; can only do a group ask.

- Can't accommodate masking for at-risk students despite the state superintendent's filed declaration suggesting that as an option for those students.

3. Building Community Chair (Elizabeth Payne)

- Gallery Stroll will be April 23rd.
- Elizabeth asked if it should be inside or outside? She mentioned the ability to bring it outside if needed.
- Discussed pros and cons of indoors versus outdoors; Indoors gives better gallery viewing space.
- Discussed food: Having food is needed for raising more money.
- Gallery Stroll needs more coordinators (see below bullet point for a list of needed coordinators).
- Maria E suggested we could have different time slots for families (i.e., based on last names).
- Erik explained that we can't put up popup tents.
- PTA insurance mentioned. Erik said he would look into that.
- Inside/outside events discussed:
 - Art inside
 - Food outside
 - Tinkling inside; could do more than one show
- Timeframe discussed: 5-8pm
- **Gallery Stroll coordinators needed**; Elizabeth to provide email in chat to ask for volunteers:
 - Marketing and Communications Coordinator (for flyers and save-the-date postcards)
 - Class Basket/Opportunity Basket Coordinator (to communicate with the room parents)
 - Art Display Coordinator (to work with Ms. Fifield on art displays)
 - Food Coordinator
 - Volunteer Coordinator
- There is already an Auction Coordinator volunteer.
- Thanks to Elizabeth for her hard work and to the people already helping.

Additional Items for Discussion

- Moved Therese's yearbook report to next week.
- Lauren doesn't have a report to give for the nominating committee.
- Lauren has a photographer parent volunteer and will send that contact info to Therese.

Officer Reports

1. Principal (Erik Jacobson)

- Presented to SIC; provided an update about land trust funds (showed PowerPoint).
- Remote learning week: his teachers are amazing.
 - They had a plan; notified all parents ahead of time; all classes prepared the work.
- Land trust report discussion for money that pays for Ms. Gersdorf the interventionist (she's an hourly teacher);
 - Out of 77 students in intervention: 15 started on grade level; 46 graduated; 31 went from below to on grade level.
 - She runs the ELD program (7 of 9 students made growth and the other 2 didn't test so are not counted in the data set).
 - Erik showed the results (impact of her interventions) on Zoom (chart): She does 3x better growth wise in the West Network; 3x better than district data (4th grade as the example).
 - She is Ensign's ALS coordinator and testing coordinator, and trains staff on interventions.
 - She's had 486 individual sessions this year so far.

2. Faculty Rep (Katrina Stratford)

- Budget money discussion: there have been more classroom requests so that shows the new/current process is working.
- Thanks to Ms. Picklesimer for running the spelling bee (3rd-6th grades).
- Emily asked if we need to do anything to help with the process.

- Katrina mentioned that SIC still has to do a vote. *Erik putting it on agenda for Monday, and Emily to follow up on Tuesday with Erik.*

3. Treasurer (Maria Borisevich)

- General account:
 - Contains \$31,979.70 as of January 1, 2022
 - Deposits collected: \$803.98
 - Payment of \$4439.87
 - Remaining balance on hand (as of 01/31): \$28,343.81
 - Outstanding checks (\$2,898.74) were included (as of yesterday).
- Art account:
 - Beginning balance: \$18,599.90
 - Remaining balance (as of 01/31): \$18,599.90
 - No updates for art account since last month.
- Total for both accounts: \$46,943.71 (minus \$4439.87 = Is \$44,044.97)
- STEM grant check was deposited.
- Payments (also reflected in the budget):
 - Music teacher (Ms. Amy)
 - Field trip: \$500
- Collections (year-to-date fundraiser changes):
 - STEM grant: \$781.00
 - Mighty Cause (online deposit of \$22.98)
 - Amazon Smile hasn't yet been deposited.
 - Check from Kroger was received and deposited and will show up on February's treasurer report: ~\$182 (Maria B. thinks this deposit is quarterly, not monthly).
- Other expenses discussed:
 - Classroom supplies
 - JA field trip (BizTown)
 - Write Your Heart Out
- Budget discussed/questions:
 - \$11,594 doesn't represent the pending balance (outstanding checks not yet included).
 - Will add a column for the expected amount as per previous meeting.

4. Presidents' Report (Emily Neuman and Lauren McBrier)

- Nominating committee question: who will be Maria's replacement?
- Talent show: we need to discuss, and we need a coordinator/parent to lead it. It could be done in conjunction with Gallery Stroll or a separate event.

Other Items for Discussion

Chris discussed plans for Contributing to Our Community Week (aka Red Ribbon Week):

- March 14-18
- There will be a pep rally so we can tell the kids what the events will be about.
- We'll have Diversity Day, with maps to help kids show where they are from and videos put on by kids for Erik to play during announcements.
- March 16: Multicultural Night at the Library event

Funding Requests/Other Items Requiring a Vote

N/A

Melissa Brownell motions to adjourn the meeting, Maria Enniss seconds.

APPROVED by majority vote.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.