## March PTO Meeting Minutes 6 p.m. April 8, 2025

- I. Treasurer's Report Allison
- II. Vote
  - A. President Jackie Wise was nominated. 14 Yes 0 No's
  - B. Vice President Shannon Standifer was nominated. 14 Yes 0 No's
  - C. Treasurer Hannah Loomis was nominated. 14 Yes 0 No's
  - D. Secretary Cassie Owen was nominated. 14 Yes 0 No's
- III. Chair Positions these don't require a vote, but are highly valued and we would like to get as many commitments as we can.
  - A. Year-Round
    - 1. Merchandise Kristen Carter volunteered to do this.
    - 2. Social Media Kim is willing to help with this, Jack Carter was volunteered by Kristen to help Kim.
    - 3. Sponsorships Hannah Loomis is willing to take this on.
    - 4. Graphic Designer Andy Morgan is willing to continue helping with this.
    - 5. Staff Appreciation Lindsay Gorman volunteered to help with this.
    - 6. Community Partners Cassie Owen will continue organizing these.
  - B. Special Events
    - 1. Membership Drive (August) Laila Sherrod will do this again
    - 2. Grounds Day (1 in Fall/1 in Spring) Hallie agreed to take this on again.
    - 3. Pep Rallies (year long) Kim will continue next year with hopes of having someone help that could take it on the following year.
    - 4. Pepcat Prowl (October) Kristi Pendley is willing to help with this, but doesn't necessarily want to be the lead person.
    - 5. Valentine's Dance (February) Shannon agreed to do this again.
    - 6. ABES Basketball Game (February/March) Hallie agreed to head this with help.
    - 7. Carnival (April) Shannon agreed to run this again.
- IV. Old Business
  - A. Pep Assembly Kim shared that GMS Band performed and teacher masked reader reveal turned out cute.
  - B. Panera Teacher Appreciation Seemed to be enjoyed by staff. Almost everything was gone by the end of it. Mrs. Stair shared her appreciation.
  - C. Skatetown Fundraiser raised \$328.80 which was less than in the Fall, but still successful.
  - D. Spring Grounds Day The rain made this event impossible. Hallie and Dave came by the day before to freshen up the flower pots and Hallie shared

- pictures of the areas with the greatest need for weeding for people to do at their convenience during the week so grounds will look fresh for carnival.
- E. Ham'N Goodys This fundraiser made \$1440. Sales have gone down each year for this fundraiser. We may want to consider something else next year.
- F. Kindergarten Round up Lindsay and Jackie worked the PTO table. They felt that attendance seemed low to them, but it went well.

## V. New Business

- A. 2024-2025 Chair Request Jackie requested that anyone that chaired an event make a general outline, timeframe, etc. for future chairs to make transitions a bit smoother. Please email notes to <a href="mailto:fourtaincitypto@gmail.com">fourtaincitypto@gmail.com</a> to be compiled for future use.
- B. Teacher Appreciation Megan and Amanda April 14th will be the next food related Teacher Appreciation event. Amanda and Megan are still working out the details. Trivette and Osborne contributed \$250 to this. Megan suggested that we increase the budget/sponsorship requests for food-related teacher appreciation as \$250 is not enough anymore to plan a lunch for 50 people.
- C. Media Studio Ms. Stair shared that she is enjoying it, but she also sees room for growth. She suggested having more of a formal news studio. Dr. Blaine shared that Ms. Kelly has done an awesome job getting everything set up and he is excited about the future potential for this. Right now it is only 5th graders participating.
- D. Marquee Pam has done a great job setting this up. Kim spoke with Mrs. Krouse and she shared that at Shannondale they send out a form at the beginning of the year for Birthday messages rather than all throughout. We talked about sending home a form at the beginning of the year asking for all Birthday messages then for a \$5 charge. It was suggested that we add a "Sponsor a Birthday Message" option too to collect more funds and allow all Birthdays to be shared instead of just the students that are paid for.
- E. Spring Carnival Friday, April 11th 4:30-7pm Shannon shared a volunteer list. She and Cassie will be floating around as needed during the event. Most other spots have been filled. There are still a few spots to be filled. We are going to only allow each person to win the cake walk one time. We will hole punch their wristbands if they win and can mark their hand if no wristband. Pizza is ordered for staff and will be delivered at 3:30pm. Hannah Loomis agreed to get drinks and plates for the staff. Hallie is going to borrow the large coolers again and Kim will get ice for the TA's Tasties. Cassie will pick up new signs from PowerT. Amanda Townsend is ordering and setting up the food for the hotdog/chips/drinks area. Online purchasing will end Thursday evening for will-call wristbands. Jackie will sort and print the will call list on Friday. Event is cash only.
- F. K-2 Playground Wishlist Cassie reached out to K-2 staff for playground wishlist ideas since the basketball court was much lower cost thanks to sponsorships and we still have more Siddiqi grant money. The suggestions

were shared and some were eliminated because of safety concerns. Cassie will pursue the remaining options to see what could possibly be added to the K-2 playground.

- G. Teacher Appreciation Week May 5-9th Charlie Pratt is going to do a lunch for the staff that week. It was suggested that we break down each day to a different area of the school to help spread the love. Ex: Monday Homeroom Teachers, Tuesday Related Arts, Wednesday Office Staff, Thursday Custodians & Cafeteria, Friday Special Areas (Speech, SPED, TA's, Coaches, etc.) We will work on a breakdown of areas to share when it gets closer.
- G. Field Day May 9th Kim Coach Turpin and Kim will get together soon to talk logistics. Kim is going to look into new inflatables since they all did not last after the last field day for the teacher relay that everyone loved so much. Field day will be one day for the whole class. It wasn't clear if it would be K-1, 2-3 and 4-5 or K-2 and 3-5. Kim will discuss this with Coach Turpin.
- H. Pep Rally May 16th Kim
  - 1. 5th Grade Talent Show Kim will be out of town for this pep assembly, but she is going to have Lauren Wilson MC for it and will get everything ready ahead of time. Amanda Townsend organized the talent show sign-ups last year. Kim was going to reach out to see if she could help again this year.
- 5th Grade Signs Coordinator Megan will coordinate this again. We will get a
  count of how many signs we have so we know what needs to be ordered.
  Sign pick up dates/times TBD, sign distribution will occur while the 5th
  graders are at the Awards Night on May 20th. (See below).
- J. 5th Grade Day May 19th 5th grade teachers and parents generally plan this. They will reach out if they need help from PTO.
- K. Awards Assemblies & Class Parties May 20th
  - 1. Grades K-2 8:15-9:45am
  - 2. Grades 3-4 10:00 11:30am
  - 3. Class Parties communicated by teachers
- L. 5th Grade Awards Night May 20th 6pm
  - 1. Distribute signs 5:45-7:00pm
- II. Principal (& Teacher) Remarks: Mrs. West shared that she used a new company this year for the Art Show and she was very happy with how it went, but she said the set-up was a little stressful and she would like to have a couple volunteers to help her next year. It was mentioned that the company took the majority of the money from the art sales and it was suggested that PTO could help her set it up and keep all profits if that was something that interested her. We will discuss this more in the future. Mrs. Stair shared how grateful she is for all that PTO does. Dr. Blaine shared

that TCAP testing will occur April 15-17 and April 22-24. They are working to encourage the 3-5 students that will be testing.

\*\* Next PTO meeting Tuesday, May 13th at FCE in the Library at 6pm.