

PTO

Meeting

Monday, October 7, 2019
6:00 pm Polaris library

Minutes

1. PRESENT:

a. Julie Johnston, Chair-Elect b. Jessica Sullivan- Asst Treasurer c. Jenny Cookson- Fundraising Chair d. Tim Bieschke- Community Chair e. Kara Chitwood - STEAM chair f. Nicole Getzelman- Communications Chair g. Julie Gladnick - Secretary h. Amy Odell- Principal i. Kris Heilbron, 4th grade teacher j. Melanie Lundeen- Room Parent Chair k. Camille Osbourne-Roberts- Fundraising Committee l. Jason Johnson- 1st Grade Parent m. Meg Freedman- E-Post Chair

2. September Minutes approved as written with Treasurer report amended

3. Principal's Report

i. Amy spoke to Amplify Science, Amplify being the curriculum provided for the new science program ii. All Grades are using this program iii. Feedback has been that it is challenging, and has generally been positive from students and teachers iv. See Teacher's Report for more info

4. Treasurer's Report

a. Parker was not able to attend- Jessica spoke-

i. Restated 1k for 2019 after realizing 1k had been miscategorized.

New financials online ii. Jogathon-

1. earned \$31,700, leaving donation (online and cash/check to office) open until Wednesday 10/9/19.
2. \$31,700 is in line with \$32000 budget
- iii. Everything looks consistent with prior year
- iv. Electives in full swing and reimbursements starting for them.

5. Committee Reports:

a. Fundraising

i. Jogathon-

1. Kara C- great turnout, kids had a ton of fun! \$31,700 total, donations still welcomed through 10/9/19. Tallies will be made and final prizes announced Friday, 10/11/19.
 2. Amy was so excited to see so much parent support, and the student elective leadership group did great! Can we get a DJ next year??
- ii. Annual Fund

1. Jenny and Camille- had a conversation around Colorado Gives vs an annual give day. CG is the largest give day. Potentially adding a give day Polaris-specific
2. Jenny spoke to looking for a fundraising or development

committee for annual fund strategy

- a. Annual fund has been going down, while events have been bringing in more to even out. A committee to help strategize might help boost annual fund
- iii. Auction

1. Julie J on behalf of Beth- hoping to approve budget at next PTO meeting in November
2. Next Auction Planning meeting 10/24.
3. Theme- GLOW
- iv. Corporate Sponsorship

1. Jessica on behalf Amy- continuing to build b.

Community - Tim B

i. Community Social Budget

1. Sunday October 13th 3pm-6:30 pm at Punch Bowl Social, bowling for students (first come- first served) will be paid for.
 2. Motion approved for PTO to pitch in \$240 for bowling.
- ii. Future Grade level socials

1. Will continue seeking feedback iii. Dine & Donate/Other Events

1. Lisa has Mici's in Congress Park, Next Door in Stapleton set up, dates to be announced 2. Discussion about adding a Direct Giving night, timing, and how to incorporate with existing Buy-A-Shares c.

Communications

i. Nicole- Aem Pierce is sending out e-posts every other week to give us opportunity for off-weeks to send specific event info ii. Website will be updated with news and events iii. Thanksgiving lunch- 11/21/19- 1st Grade Families will

volunteer/sponsor that event iv. E-post to fall on 11/27 over break- it will be move to 12/4 and

12/18 and then to return to normal schedule in 2020.

6. Teacher Report

a. Kris Heilbron spoke about 4th grade using Amplify focusing on Earth Sciences (all grades are using Amplify) b. Students use their chromebooks to access c. Kris demonstrated the tools within the program that the students can

use to learn

7. Chair Reports

a. STEAM- Kara C

i. STEAM spending getting better allocated this year for teachers to get approval in timely manner. ii. 10k in budget will be used in 4 cycles throughout the year iii. See attached for applications and approval process for this cycle iv. 7 projects proposed at \$2242. Board agreed to allow STEAM

committee to have final say on how to use funds going forward. v. More outreach needed to let other teachers know about

application project. b. Gear- Kara C

- i. Still Looking for volunteers to help build up the Gear program.
- ii. Kara was looking into if we could use Shopify
- c. Volunteer Database
- i. No new updates
- ii. Board approved moving forward with Shopify. Parker to follow up.

8. Adjournment 7:13 pm

STEAM Committee Approval Proposal for Oct 7 PTO Meeting

PTO Approval	STEAM Item #
Appx Cost Date Approved Purchaser 1	
Item/Project Teacher/Staff Name Vendor/Purchasing Information Brief Description STEAM Committee	
History of Colorado online purchase. Have receipt to submit about people who lived in Colorado long ago. Already done. Artifact Trunks Kris Heilbron for reimbursement. Includes 19th Century tech, images, calligraphy, etc. 10/2 \$30 Kris	Approval Date Trunks include artifacts from the past to learn more History of Colorado Museum
2 Glass Fusing Jessica Rogers D&L Glass and Dick Blick Pendant glass fusing with 5th graders; take-with-you legacy project. Learn about science behind glass fusing; study Chihuly. 10/2 \$700 Pending - Ana	
3 Maker Boxes Gail Axt Amazon https://www.amazon.com/Learning-Resources-Lights-Action-Building/dp/B000MWXFF8/ref=sr_1_7?crd=4NOHHAYBMXQL&keywords=gears+gears+gears&qid=1568732347&s=toys-and-games&sprefix=Gears+Ger%2Ctoys-and-games%2C162&sr=1-7 Amazon https://www.amazon.com/Learning-Resources-Gears-Building-Pieces/dp/B00000JGWY/ref=pd_bxgy_21_img_2/134-1757739-5272505?_encoding=UTF8&pd_rd_i=B00000JGWY&pd_rd_r=fb46ba7b-fa80-49c2-8fb8-d9a82c12b91f&pd_rd_w=pZOUr&pd_rd_wg=CuegA&pf_rd_p=a2006322-0bc0-4db9-a08e-d168c18ce6f0&pf_rd_r=6VTNXMKD6F5Z6X94D7ZM&psc=1&refRID=6VTNXMKD6F5Z6X94D7ZM Amazon https://www.amazon.com/Elenco-Snap-Circuits-Jr-SC-100/dp/B00D09XIF8 Students have the opportunity to explore STEM/maker boxes during Library class. 10/2 \$270 Pending - Ana	
4 Bal a Vis X is a program that uses racket balls and bean bags to learn exercises that build focus and self-regulation. All activities use cross-body exercises. Once taught, the class maintains a rhythm and practices whole-group. 10/2 \$443 Pending - Ana	
5 Cross-body brain exercise equipment Sarah Holdeman Shockproof shipping and bal a vis x When we are working with measurements we often focus on converting, both within and across measurement types. These scales will allow us to easily compare those measurements. 10/2 \$138 Pending - Ana	
6 Amazon.com: INEVIFIT DIGITAL KITCHEN SCALE, Highly Accurate Multifunction Food Scale 13 lbs 6kgs Max, Clean Digital scales (measure in Modern Black with Premium Stainless Steel Finish. metric and US customary) Ian Hodges Includes Batteries & 5-Year Warranty Students in 3-4-5 take the Noetic Math competition in the spring. This is to cover entrance fee for 3 classes of 4th gr 10/2 \$147 Pending - Ana	
7 Noetic Math Competition class entrance fee for three classes Katie Allen Noetic Math School Beautification Banners Jessica Rogers & Denver Tent Company. Have receipt to submit for Canvas banners to display on poles outside. \$514 Amy Odell reimbursement. Students will decorate banners. Will be hung up for Already done. all to enjoy. 10/2 Ana (?) Appx STEAM spend for App Cycle #1: \$2,242	