PTA Executive Board Meeting

February 7, 2018

President, Gretchen Pace, presiding.

Holly Dowling recording the minutes.

The meeting was called to order at 1:26 pm.

Members in Attendance:

Gretchen Pace Holly Dowling Christine Way Amber Lenger

Chris Ross Diana Hinojos Stephanie Metcalf

Principal's Report by Mr. Ross

- Our Junior Beta Club earned a first place in Quiz Bowl, first place in Advertise Design, First place in photography, and 3rd place in Living Literature at the state convention.
- Our Pennies for Patients Campaign has raised almost \$8,000.
- Student Talent Show will be held Tuesday, February 13 at 6 pm at Bell's Crossing. This is a ticketed event.
- Over 400 students participated in the Winter Break Reading Challenge, hosted by Ms. Schmidt. Students earned the reward of hot chocolate and a fun reading activity in the cafeteria.

President's Report by Gretchen Pace

• Updated bylaws will be posted tomorrow (February 8) in preparation for the vote at the March 8 General Assembly meeting.

Treasurer's Report by Christine Way

- Presented current budget. Motion to approve the budget made by Holly Dowling. Seconded by Stephanie Metcalf. Approved by all.
- The school requested assistance to send 10 students on the Barrier Island Field Trip. The board approved a motion to take leftover funds from the December teacher reimbursement budget line which was well below the full budgeted amount. The amount used was \$1000.

Ways and Means Report by Stephanie Metcalf

- Labels & Incentives Amber Kinney will be our new chair for next year, but will begin now.
- Dance The dance was a big hit. Many positive comments have been received. The DJ did an awesome job, and was worth the extra money spent. Some changes noted for next year include re-evaluating food being served, moving the date later in February, and changing ticket prices (\$10 for students and only \$5 for adult chaperone). A total of \$523 was raised for Survivor's Park from ticket sales (\$1 per ticket) and additional donations the night of the dance. Harrison Orthodontics will match PTA donation to Survivor's Park, up to \$500. A check will be presented to them at the March 8 General Assembly meeting.
- Boosterthon Abby Rogers & Stephanie Metcalf are chairing. Boosterthon begins March 28 and concludes with the run on March 29. Money will be collected the week of April 9, after we return from Spring Break.
- School Store has almost \$3000 in profit to date, so things are going very well.
- Spirit Nights Money earned from the spirit night at Gravitopia was less than normal due to the snow/ice event that week and days off from school.

Programs Report by Diana Hinojos

- Reflections awards will be presented at the May General Assembly meeting/concert. Anne Albers will not be returning next year, so a new chair is needed.
- Publishing Center will host an author's tea in late February or early March.

Volunteers Report given by Gretchen Pace

- VOM nominations Jenine Williams and family have been chosen for their involvement at the dance.
- Staff lunch is next week (February 15). Lunch coverage is needed. Information will be sent through room parents and communications.
- The volunteer of the month bulletin board needs to be updated with pictures from December, January, and February volunteers. It would be nice to see if we could put all of the nominations for the year on the board. Perhaps smaller pictures could be used?

Secretary's Report by Holly Dowling

• Presented minutes from the January Executive Board Meeting. Motion to approve from Amber Lenger, and seconded by Stephanie Metcalf. Approved without dissent.

Communications Report by Amber Lenger

- Bellringer will go home in the Monday folders next week, February 12.
- Website will be revamped due to some difficulties being experienced with uploading information.
- Teacher questionnaires need to be distributed to parents for the upcoming teacher appreciation week. Since the website will not allow the file to be uploaded, we will distribute these through room parents. It was discussed that a google form might be helpful for collecting this information from teachers next year, rather than via a paper form.

New Business

• Thinking ahead to silent auction for next year, a Google form will be sent out to gather input from teachers on their suggestions for their class basket theme.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:24 pm.