

Location: Creekside Library



**Meeting called to order at 7:05PM. Quorum present.**

**GaGa Pit- Dallin Olson**

Dallin is an Eagle Scout and his plan for the GaGa Pit has been approved by Tera Coyle and the Scout Committee. GaGa Ball is a low impact dodgeball-like game that takes place in an octagon shaped pit. The PE Teacher teaches kids to play the game indoors while it is being constructed. A video was played showing how to play GooGoo GaGa Ball. The pit is 30 inches high and has a 20-foot diameter. It is made with pressure treated lumber, substantial angle brackets, and PVC wall covers to protect participants from splinters. Dallin plans to lead volunteers to build and install the pit. He has received a donation on discounted lumber from BMC which is approximately 60% off retail. He is asking for \$1233.21 for additional building materials. The pit will be assembled offsite and brought in assembled. It will be erected on the sandpit.

**MOTION: Hailey Chamberlain motioned to approve to fund the construction of a GaGa Pit by Dallin Olson for up to \$1400. Sharon Gelbrich seconded, attendees voted, and motion carried.**

**Special Support Services- Karen Hoetzel**

Karen is proposing that the PTSA pay for at least one teacher to attend the The Orton Gillingham method training. The teacher training in Seattle is \$1175 per teacher. The Orton Gillingham method is a multisensory approach to teach children to read and is for children with and without dyslexia. If teachers were certified in teaching with this method, it could count towards INSE School Endorsement and those teachers could present at IEP meetings. The training in Seattle is from August 19th-23rd. They have training for K through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. One possibility is to proposition the district to get funding to send teachers or to have someone come to the district to put on a teacher in-service. Another option is to use some of the funds allocated for the EA's for this proposal. A road guide could be developed to help parents understand warning signs and resources for a child with reading difficulty so they can be tested and served appropriately. A survey could also be put out to parents so it is known what they would like PTSA funds spent on.

Karen is also proposing that the school supply box be purchased through Sydney Paige. This company offers a buy one and give one option for backpacks and school kits. If school kits are purchased from them, they will donate school supplies to a school of our choosing. The School Tool Box is the company currently being used. They hire veterans to pack the school supplies.

**President's Report- Marissa Corona**

Cultural Differences Presentation- Lorna Gilmour will present to Creekside parents about cultural differences on March 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:30PM-8:00PM. She is also presenting to Creekside teachers to help them more effectively support students from other cultures and religions. This will be an adult only event. Parents will need to register for the event on Eventbrite or similar RSVP tracker. Cookies and water will be available at the event.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Karen Rajtar to have Krista Wood, Hailey Chamberlain, Annie Yim and Stefanie Hill be the Nominating Committee. The motion was seconded by Karen Hoetzel, attendees voted, and motion carried.**

**Vice President's Report-** Karen Rajtar

Currently, membership count is at 442 members.

**Treasurer's Report-** Hailey Chamberlain

Review Financials- \$6405.12 was paid for a portion of the yearbook cost. Teacher stipends were paid. A check to Scholastic was deducted from the account. A payment was made to Taproot Theater for \$980. Harland was paid \$1152 for cleaning our popcorn machine. Movie night was a success. Pizza ran out twice. Expenses were \$708 and income was \$1126. Budget is planned to be positive \$5574. Many budget line items have gone over with approvals, but it is estimated that it will continue to be positive by the end of the fiscal year.

Discussion to increase grant spending: The original grant budget was \$7500, and it was voted to increase to \$8000. We have paid out \$8000 and we have additional requests totaling \$14300. It will be decided at the next board meeting whether to go over the budget by the additional grant funding or if additional Hawk-a-thon fundraising dollars can be allocated to this expense. Reviewed table of additional grant requests. Walkie talkies need to be distributed to more teachers and staff because of student needs. Portables don't have panic buttons so walkie-talkies would provide immediate communication in an emergency.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Tera Coyle to increase the grants to \$14283.38. The motion was seconded by Lindsey Hatch, attendees voted, and motion carried.**

**Secretary's Report-** Taimay Jones

November 2018 General Meeting Minutes were submitted, no changes were made.

**Vice Presidents of Fundraising Report-** Lindsey Hatch

It is suggested to have general Creekside corporate sponsors at different levels such as gold and silver. Advertisements from sponsors could be at any PTSA event, in the back of the student directory, in the yearbook, on eNews, etc. Creekside Staff and PTSA are checking with the district and PTSA Council to confirm that school sponsors are permitted and to determine any parameters to their advertising. There are a lot of business owners who would like to contribute. A couchperson would be needed to manage sponsorships and they would have an annual sponsorship goal. With the increased sponsorship funds the membership fee could be lowered and/or the suggested donation amount per student for the Hawk-a-thon could be lowered.

**Vice Presidents of Volunteers/Programs Report-** Tera Coyle

- Popcorn Friday Volunteers Needed
- ISF Dining for Kids at Tanoor February 6th
- Creekside Around the World February 7th
- Family STEM Night March 19<sup>th</sup>
- Parent Ed Night March 6<sup>th</sup> 630-8pm

**Meeting adjourned at 8:12PM.**