Creekside PTSA Board Meeting Agenda April 19th, 2019 * 9:30AM-12:00PM

Location: Lindsey's House (1415 217th Ave SE) Meeting called to order at 9:40AM



Science Night Debrief- Jane Lauckner

325 children attended the event. There was good flow to the exhibits and stations. They were able to stay within budget. They have asked to increase budget from \$2300 to \$2500 for next year so they can replace microscope slides. Vendors and Stem teachers were satisfied with their experience and provided useful feedback. They didn't run out of supplies. Next year they plan to recommend an additional month to create marketing materials. They also will determine how to direct the flow towards the vendors and activities not in the main auditorium. They used money in the science night budget to purchase science fair prizes. There were 28 volunteers but could have used 30. Next year they plan to recruit more middle school volunteers. PLMS could be partnered with and use their eNews to request volunteers. The Skyline Spartabot and physics program was involved. The only vendor that required payment was The Reptile Man. All the other vendors weren't paid and brought gifts for kids, etc. It is recommended to start planning early and line up vendors in the fall. The physical space was mapped out and given to the custodian, so he had all the tables ready to go which saved a lot of time during set up. District provided stem kits the day before which should be considered extra experiments. Attendees were surveyed and food chemistry was the favorite booth.

Art Docent Grant- Marissa Corona

This year the art docent program received a grant for \$2500 to be used for art night. Expected spending is \$1500 so there will be an extra \$1000 available to spend on art related expenses. The art team is requesting monitors that can be used for art lessons at the end of the hallway. It is challenging to teach the lesson in the classroom and then go out to the art area at the end of the hallway, expecting the children to remember the directions. The monitors would allow the lesson and creation of art in the same location. The monitors could also be used for other clubs or groups that meet in 4 wings. The cost for one monitor is \$2000 and there are 4 wings they would like to eventually furnish with monitors. This year they would like to start with 2 and are requesting to spend \$4000. The monitors would be bought through and installed by the district. Discussion took place, the board decided to continue the conversation with the art team to determine if a less expensive solution could be found.

Spelling Bee- Laurie Freidl

Laurie met with a mom from Sunny Hills Elementary who has run their Spelling Bee program the last 3 years and received a lot of input for creating a program at Creekside. The program at Creekside was approved for 2nd through 5th graders only as there is a concern that kindergarten and first grade students would become too stressed competing against children in 8th grade. Scrips is the nationwide program which is for children in grades K-8. It would be a program that would meet after school or in the evening. One speller would move on from our Creekside Spelling Bee to the regional B at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue. The winner of that Bee would go to the Scrips National Bee. Townhall Seattle gives guidance and word lists that are appropriate for each grade level. There would be written rounds and then the top people from each grade would go on to the traditional oral Spelling Bee. The National Bee is in May and Regional Bee is in March so the program will start in January. Entrance fees for the Scrips program are between \$160 and \$230 depending on how early registration is sent in. There will be no charge to participate in the program. They will need to purchase certificates and a small prize for participants. They are requesting that the board add \$300 to the budget proposal for next year for the Spelling Bee.

MOTION- Hailey Chamberlain moved to approve Spelling Bee as a PTSA approved program. Total cost \$300. Motion seconded by Krista Wood, attendees voted- motion carries.

Vice Presidents of Volunteers/Programs Report- Ghada Madkour & Krista Wood

- Talent Show is on 4/26
- Art Night 5/9
- ISF Luncheon- May 3rd (Table full- we have a good mix of board and chairs representing Creekside)
- End of Year BBQ- June 7th Creekside Luau 5-7pm. Rocky's Empanadas and Gourmini's Food Trucks are lined up for the event and committee is looking for more since the lines for food were too long last year. There will also be a photo booth and Mr. Johnson's marimba band. Considering asking parkour company used in the past to attend the event and donate vendor fees since they received a lot of new business from the last event they attended at Creekside.
- Halloween Bash- confirm money for haunted house improvements is \$500. Depending on when the money is spent, it will come out of this year's or next year's budget.
- The Volunteer Breakfast is May 17th at 8AM. Board decided to give a multi-pen as the gift for the event attendees.
- The Talent show is next Friday. The chairs will get photos for the yearbook as soon as possible following the event.
- The Art Walk is May 9th.
- Kindergarten playdates are scheduled to be on July 30th and August 13th from 10-1130AM at Ebright Park. There will also be an evening playdate on August 20th from 6-730PM.
- Open Positions Update- The board continues to look for another Co-VP of Volunteers, Room Parent/Staff Appreciation Chairs, Geography Club Chair, Math Club Chair, Toastmasters Chair, and Talent Show Chair. Marissa will help with sponsorship chair duties but a sponsorship chair is also needed.
- The School Supply list will be available by today so people can order by the end of school.

President's Report- Marissa Corona

Gaga pit construction is starting on April 27th. Materials have been purchased. On May 22nd from 6-8PM the Parent Ed presentation will take place at Creekside. The topic for the presentation is Screen Time During the Summer. We are partnering with Discovery Elementary and are paying half of the costs. It has been requested that we supply water at the event.

Treasurer's Report- Hailey Chamberlain

- The monthly financial report was given, and the plan is to have a positive net income for the year.
- Board approved to fund \$1500 of the fees for the 5th Grade Destination Imagination team to go to Nationals. They are looking into other fundraising options and sponsors. Rocky's Empanadas will donate 50% of profits on a day to the program. They will sell baked goods, water and flowers at the talent show.
- Our Sunshine Fund was used to help a Creekside family in need buy a washing machine for \$487.

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- The school counselor requests to set up a Counselor Lunch program where a \$25 pre-paid lunch card could be used by the lunch cashiers to be more descrete.
- Andrea Garvey will receive a bouquet of welcome back flowers from the PTSA.
- Yearbook sales have spiked this last month. Sales were \$1805 between 3/1 and 4/15.
- Enough Sounders Tickets have been sold to cover our payment cost and we should not have any liability for the remaining tickets.
- Spinner Update- Funds for the spinner were paid to the district and those funds have been sitting in their account since last year. The district will not pay the spinner company until they start work. In order to start work they need 3 consecutive days that they can work and it must to be dry and warm. One option is to look into construction fencing to work on the project during school time. If they do it during the summer, otter club will be there so there is never a time without children present. Other options include having indoor recess during construction days but the other consideration is the big cement truck that will need access to the playground.
- Budget Planning for 2019-2020 in underway. Budget will be approved at May General Meeting and available to board prior to that for edits.
- Decisions need to be made regarding how to spend additional Hawk-a-thon funds. Ideas include a giant chess board on the playground with giant chess pieces, a wall mural, stand up desks for specific children

Meeting adjourned at 12:10PM.