

March PTA Meeting Minutes

3/10/2022

Dan called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm and thanked the parents for helping the change in mask policy go smoothly.

Ms. Busch submitted a request for busses for a kindergarten field trip to Frying Pan Farm.

Spring photos were today. Thank you to those who volunteered.

Some kids were not able to make it to the running club photo. Ms. Ko took a photo of the kids who didn't make it and Mike Lupton will get the second running club picture in there.

There is some interest in a Spring fling which would be separate from the military youth event planned for April.

We will be hosting a speaker at the April PTA meeting who will be talking about military youth. 40% of Cherry Run students have a parent who is in the military or a veteran. Terri Thomas organized that speaker.

Received an email saying we needed to submit a form to keep our status as a nonprofit organization. So we are about to submit the form. **We voted to approve the form. A motion and a second was received. Form was approved.**

Teacher appreciation: For Valentine's Day, did a cake pop display and pop tarts. Two teachers won gifts. There will be more gift cards awarded every month through the end of the school year. We'll be doing St. Patrick's Day Bingo cards with gifts that the teachers can win.

Minutes from the February meeting were approved.

Mr. Bibbee –

April is also autism awareness month and Hispanic awareness month.

Field trips are approved – nothing overnight or out of the area. We are budgeted per kid. Enrollment is down about 40-45 kids (was down by 100 the previous year). 78k this year is budget with no carryover from last year. We spend 25k/year on paper and ink. Regarding masks, there are about 65 kids not wearing masks to 35 wearing them. No issues came to Mr. Bibbee's attention. If there were any issues, they were resolved quickly.

A letter will be going out next week about a state testing schedule to determine AAP placement. We have to test 90% of students test to keep our standing, but you can opt your child out of testing. The SOL tests . If you fail 5th and 6th grade math, you have to take a special math class at Lake Braddock and they lose an elective. The same thing goes for language arts. So we've never had a kid fail both because if they fail in 5th grade, we work really hard with them.

We have a lot of teachers wanting to work here. We do have some turnover this year with people moving away. We also have some teachers returning.

Kindergarten registration is looking good. We have 46 registered so far.

Dan – We will be looking for a new person to be in charge of welcoming new families and plan the kindergarten meet and greet this summer.

Mr. Bibbee used to tour the new families and will be able to and happy to do that this year – family by family. They can just show up. We work 10-2:30 during the summer.

The AAP level 4 kids will be split so that all kids will benefit from teaching strategies like Socratic Seminar.

They are doing screening this week for AAP. Letters are sent out in April to inform families. For kids who don't qualify, you have until April 30th to appeal.

Ms. Hammond thanked everyone for the Clorox wipes. We still have some, but they will not last through the end of the year.

Ms. Wilson has had the equipment guru come through and work with her to set up the equipment. We are gearing up to be able to do performances again.

Last school year's PTA had some carryover that was allocated to upgrade the sound system. That was on last year's budget and not this years.

Military event is for everyone in the school, not just for military families. Michelle, , rock painting, cake walk, obstacle course, Mission Barbeque will be giving out little trinkets and coupons, pizza will be served(\$1/slice, you can order a whole pizza (aka pie), Kona Ice truck will be there. 4:30-5:30 April 20th. Called "Purple Up." It stands for unity. There will be some plant planting. The event will be free (except for the pizza, which people are encouraged to order in advance.) This is sponsored by Pizza Boli, which is a huge supporter of our community. 7 -11 also helps us out.

Danny is being promoted to building supervisor at Hunt Valley. Wednesday will be his last day. Jose will be here. 8:15 -8:50 on Wednesday, all the teachers will be in the cafeteria.

8-9 teachers have done the reimbursement for classroom supplies. Mr. Bibbee will send out a reminder. Lisa Hammond will post it on staff news.

Voted to adjourn meeting – several motions – meeting was adjourned at 7:58.