

Minutes PTO GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

Call to Order 6:00pm

Welcome and Introductions

Motion to approve the last minutes, Charity Hudnut, second by Amanda Kotlyar, all approve

Sarah Tycast, President Updates

Monster Mash was very popular, Thanks to Thomas & Team!
It was free to students (past needed admission)

Nicole Alexander, Treasurer Update

(Sarah) Teacher are doing a good job spending money.
The sound system is still in conversation, the district may cover some of the cost, it is a long process.
Amazon smile donation \$75 as of December, and we had an additional donation for the Coyote Run from Kona Ice.
Currently do not have a Dine Out coordinator – if you have a local idea? Willamette Garage or Alehouse?
We did packaged snacks for the Holiday “Breakfast” at the END of the day – we used to have donuts in the morning.

VOTS Update

Thanks to PTO for the budget, we bought candy canes (~\$250) and raised \$1108 for Doernbecher Children’s Hospital in December

Next Event - 8th Grade Career Day - February 8

It has been advertised in the newsletter and facebook. We need more exhibitors and volunteers in general, more mock interviewers. There is no background check needed for one-time visitors to the school, can use SignUp Genius rather than help counter (per Sarah McCarney)

Principal Update, Sarah McCarney

Early release day had teacher presentations on Equity, Racial Equity & Social Justice. Staff wrote our racial- biased autobiographies – sharing our

backgrounds. We are working on being comfortable talking about racism and students. Great teachable moments and a lesson on microaggressions.

We are planning proactive lessons rather than reactive and have a big focus on anti-racist leadership and what it looks like. How do we work on anti-racism in a predominantly white community?

Panorama Survey Data: Sense of Belonging – really need to work on link to student engagements and kids having their own goals.

How do we provide support for students who are not getting their work done?

Green Team, Charity Hudnut

This year is a trickle of kids at meetings on Thursdays after school. They made a video about recycling and pencil reuse and made signs for recycling in the classrooms. How do we work Green School/Eco initiatives into the classroom?

Earth Day is April 22nd – Eco Schools Network offers funds for the week of Earth Week (~\$500 per school). Would a lunchtime library meeting be better than after school?

Other Business

Spring Conference Meals: March 23 evening and March 24 daytime

Yearbook: Looking for parents to help finalize, there is an afterschool enrichment class of students working on the yearbook.

Food Drive: VOTS for the spring? West Linn Food Pantry runs out of food in March/April

Adjourn at 7:08