

John Marshall PTO Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2017

Agenda Items:

Principal's Report

- There will be a PBIS assembly Wednesday March 1.
- February 16th was world Read Day. Mrs. Patterson read kindness themed books to each classroom.
- There was a lot of positive feedback regarding offering childcare during conferences.
- Teachers were very grateful to the PTO and family volunteers for providing meals once again for the staff during conferences. Thank you to everyone for their donations of food and time to make that happen again.
- Last week was Read Across America Week to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday. Every day had a theme for something the students could do or wear to get involved.
- Mrs. Martin requested \$20 from the PTO for prizes for students during Read Across America Week. A motion was made for an allowance of up to \$50 for these prizes and was passed to approve this expenditure.
- Forward Exams are coming up in the spring for grades 3 through 5. The window for giving these exams is March 20th – May 5th.
- Fifth grade students are currently taking placement tests for middle school.

Treasurer's Report

- The PTO still has \$500 budgeted for PBIS this year.
- Bounce house company has contacted Mrs. Patterson to see if John Marshall would again be interested in having the bounce house day. Cost for bounce house in the past has been about \$1300.
- PBIS committee has two upcoming quarterly rewards for the school that are in the planning phase.
- Group voted to approve the current budget of \$500 + an additional \$700 to cover the cost of the bounce houses for the PBIS reward celebration.

Event Recaps

Parent Teacher Conferences

- Teachers were very appreciative of the pizza night and sandwich nights. Teachers liked that the food was more or a grab and go style so that they could get in and out quickly in between conferences.
- Lots of parents were grateful for the free child care during conferences.

Box Top Battles

- 935 box tops were collected for the month of February.
- Mrs. Eggert's class once again raised the most box tops and gets to keep the Troll Trophy for another month.
- \$685 has been raised through box tops since December. Great job! In addition to the check from last year's box tops for \$800 (that was received this year), we are well ahead of budgeted revenue.
- South East side group have been donating labels and milk caps in the bins set up at the airport. Thank you!

Art to Remember

- Order forms for Art to Remember will be going home with the students no later than March 7th.
- Order forms and payments are due by March 15th, however orders can also be placed online no later than March 15th
- Jackie needs help counting money. Sarah W. volunteered to assist.

Sconni's Night

- John Marshall Family Night will be held on Tuesday, February 28th from 5 to 9. If you mention JM PTO during your visit, the school will receive 15% of your total bill donated to the school.

Talent Show

- John Marshall Talent Show is being held this Saturday, March 4th.
- 7 acts have already signed up
- Entrance forms will be accepted up to the day of the event.
- Dress rehearsal will be Friday night, March 3rd from 5:30 to 7 pm. Rehearsals will be on a first come first serve basis.
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Spring Spiritwear

- Connie Farmer will again be working with the PTO to provide spiritwear for our school.
- Sarah is working on some new ideas and also trying to incorporate an East High School option.
- Rayna will take care of coordinating the order with Connie as well as sorting and delivering the order to school when ready.
- Order forms should be in your students' folder sometime before spring break.
- Steve C. to look into possibilities of switching to Eastbay for next year's order.

Spring BOGO book Fair

- Dia is working on setting up the spring Buy One Get One Book Fair.
- The theme for this fair is "Happy Camper Bookfair / S'more Fun with Books"
- Tentatively thinking about the week of April 24th – 28th.
- Possible idea to have a Literacy Night during the week of the book fair to try to get more families to bring their kids to the Book Fair.

Healthy Eating for Busy Families

- The UW Extension is offering a series of 3 classes at John Marshall. The series is for parents and focuses on learning to eat healthy with busy family schedules.
- The first session is March 9th from 6 to 7:30 and is entitled "Stretching Your Food Dollars". Participants in this session will receive a financial management calculator and kids book.
- The second session is March 16th from 6 to 7:30, "Feeding for Healthy Eating". Participants will receive a fun kids cookbook for participating in this session.
- Third Session March 23rd, 6-7:30 entitled "Making One-Dish Meals". Participants will receive a small bag of groceries to make one recipe at home.
- Free child care will be provided during these classes, Rayna, Dia and Steve each offered to be the adult on site for child care for one night. Sandy W. to recruit key club members to assist.
- Attend all 3 classes and receive a free electric skillet.

Alexander Park

- Plans for the park are 99% completed.
- There will be a direct mailing to all South East Side residences announcing the Brick Paver Sale to raise money for the park.

- Families can purchase a brick acknowledging their family for \$175
- Larger 8 x 8 pavers will be \$500.
- If you are interested in purchasing a paver do so right away as they do expect the pavers to sell out quickly.
- New park design will include 4 fitness stations and walking path
- Park will be aviation themed
- Fitness signs will be sponsored by the JM PTO for an anticipated cost of \$1000 - \$1300.

Breakfast and Bingo

- Upcoming event entitled Breakfast and Bingo is being planned.
- Event will be held Saturday, April 8th. Breakfast will be served from 8 to 11. Bingo will run from 8:30 to 10:30.
- Tickets will be sold for Teacher prizes or events for students, as well as large raffle baskets with themed prizes and items from many local businesses.

NEXT PTO MEETING will be a week early due to Spring Break. Mark your calendars for Mon, 3/20.