

SOUTH COLBY PTSO General Meeting

January 21, 2020

South Colby Library

ATTENDING: Beth Miller, Jena Freeman, Kyle Stone, Amanda Anderson, Rikki Christensen, Nicole Watkins, Joe Riley, Marcy Martin, Emily Houchin, Stephanie Stonecipher, Courtney Vetter, Elise Kenny

CALL TO ORDER

Rikki called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. She welcomed all at the meeting and attending via Facebook live. Introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The November minutes were available to review. Kyle motioned to approve the minutes. Second by Beth. Minutes were approved by vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The past month's Treasurer's Report was made by Rikki. Account activity this month included: Please see Old Business section below for updates.

The report and this past month's activity is available for review.

OLD BUSINESS

Sock Hop Dance Recap: \$808 made – \$334.45 in cost =\$473.55 profit. Everyone had a great time!

Parent Night Out #2: \$756.64 made divided by 13 students who worked the event = \$58/student earned. It's \$250/student to attend camp. We did \$20/child with no sibling discount and it worked well. No issues with kids that weren't siblings like we had in the past. Face painting was a hit.

Cookies & Canvas #1 Recap: \$753.94 made – \$302.66 in cost =\$451.28 profit. Hannah Perone, art instructor, did an excellent job! No issues with Tech this time.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Physical Education Grant Purchases: We were awarded \$1000.00 toward PE. First purchase was made for equipment, totaling \$691.11. \$308.89 remains of the grant to be used for future needs.

Walmart Grant Purchase: We received a grant for \$1000.00. AccuCut (Dye Cut) Pieces were purchased for \$150 (a large used lot worth at least \$500!). Available to all faculty to use. \$850.00 remains of our grant.

Box Top & Amazon Smile Earnings:

Box Tops: March-Nov 1=\$268.30 and \$275.60 from last fall=\$543.90

Last fall was late submission, that is why we received the money now.

Amazon Smile: \$51.83 from 113 purchases. We receive 0.1% on eligible expenses.

NEW BUSINESS

Movie Night #2: Jan 31st – Angry Birds 2 – Flyers will go out soon

Family Escape Room: Feb 21st – We need to plan it still and get a lot of volunteers. It's designed for elementary families. There's 30 minutes to escape 2 sections. There are puzzles, things hidden in the classroom, QR code interactive clues, etc. The company has many different escape rooms at different levels that we can use in the future. Call for volunteers will go out soon to help with making decorations, prep, etc.

Giving Drive: Jena: Conference Call was held regarding a new fundraising program, The Raise Craze. We wanted to take the Giving Drive in a direction of giving to each other and paying it forward. A video was played describing what it is. Students still ask for donations but students perform acts of kindness in the community for the money. All kids can still do acts of kindness even if they don't raise any money. It'll be a school movement, not a competition between students. The online portal is very user friendly, all the signage, website, flyers, etc are already done. It'll be an easier system to use on the teachers so they don't have to hassle with the in-class boxes. Cash and checks are still accepted. There's no upfront fee, but they'll withhold up to 10% of the amount raised, which includes transaction fees.

Using this program was approved during the Board Member Conference Call on 1/18/20. We have begun the prep process.

The program does not recommend running a fundraiser for more than 2-3 weeks. We're moving the kickoff date from 1/31 to 2/28 assembly and have it last 3 weeks this year instead of 6 weeks in previous years. There's an instructional video to play, a script for an MC (Joe) to read at the assembly, and a kickstart game. We'll make 2 thermometers for the school, one for \$ raised and one for acts of kindness. They have a list of incentive ideas such as lip syncing battle of Joe vs teacher.

YMCA Reps (Emily & Stephanie & Christine): YMCA is non-profit. Their major goal is to help the community. The program here is currently small but they hope to expand now with new site director present. YMCA before/after school care focuses on homework assistance, social education, personal growth, etc. Staff is trained and many positions require degrees. Once a year they have the Annual Campaign to raise funds. Campaign this year will be in March 2020. Asking SC PTSO to contribute to it. 100% of your donation stays in the community. YMCA raised \$114,000, provided \$500,000 of assistance in 2019. In South Kitsap School District: 284 Participants, 6 programs, 1 in 3 receive financial assistance. Currently at SC YMCA: 20 participants, 4 receive financial assistance, 1 McKinney-Vento Scholarship, \$1,330 provided in FA and DSHS in January 2020. There is no hard income limits on financial assistance, they view each family's position as a whole. McKinney-Vento Scholarship is for homeless/displaced families. Families can use 1-5 days/wk, am or pm or both.

Book Fair: March 20th - jungle theme. Request for volunteers will go out soon.

School Report

Joe:

Thursday Release Day: Half the day kids will go through rotations of mini classes taught by other staff so teachers get a chance to look through new curriculum.

5th grade camp is next week. Shout out to Camp Seymour for scholarship help to families this year. There are a lot of indoor activities and they sleep in heated cabins so it'll be fine regardless of the weather. Going to work on itemizing costs of camp for next year. We could also collect sleeping bags and other items needed that some kids in the past can't afford. We will have 5 extra sleeping bags for this year. If more gear is needed we will send out a request for donations.

STUDENT COUNCIL: Jan meeting was cancelled due to snow day. Next meeting Feb 11th. Coin Drive is 2/20-27. At the 2/28 assembly the winner will be announced.

Victory Party lunch is March 2nd.

Valentines Door Decorating Contest: Winning classrooms get bonus recess. Non-class winners get coffee. Fire Marshall Regulations: has to look like a door still, can't be left up all year, glass can't be obstructed. Doors need to be decorated by 2/7. Judging by Student Council students on 2/10.

Beth: State testing is coming up in May and we need ear phones for students grades 3-5. Through Amazon Smile we can get 200 earbuds for \$131 plus tax, possibly sell them for \$1/each. Students are encouraged to bring their own, but if they don't they can buy these.

OPEN THE FLOOR

Kyle: Jeff at Lenny's Barbershop is offering free hair cuts for children in need.

Jena: At next Student Council meeting, please take photo with kids in SC shirts in front of sign in front of school. Will use for thank you cards to our sponsors.

CLOSE MEETING

With no further business, Joe moved to close the meeting. Second by Rikki. Meeting was closed at 8:20 pm.

**NEXT MEETING:
February 11, 2020
South Colby Library 7pm**