

Broadwater PTO Minutes: Dec. 11, 2017

ATTENDEES:

- Lea Chiavaras (Clark)
- Sue Sweeney
- Nann Parrett
- Angela Simonson

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Taco Johns discussion next meeting.
- Use PTC cashbox for bake sale
- Some people didn't get their spirit order. Online orders trickling in?
- Nothing else to report
- Raffle earnings: \$3645.51 Net profit

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- Safety upgrade: getting new phones but not new entry. We will get roof this summer. Trying to get a book grant for: THE LEADER IN ME. Sectional. Waiting for the roof
- Holiday concert: Dress rehearsal Wed at 1:30. Meat and Cheese tray after school for Teachers who are decorating.
- Elf jr. this Sunday. Money raised will to buying playground balls.
- CHS jazz band concert Dec. 20 at 2.
- BUGS lunch Dec. 18. 16 kids selected.
- Dec. 22, last day of school, return Jan. 2
- Missoula Children's Theater – still need families to host actors. Those present at meeting will continue to search for hosts. Sue sent e-mail out to Broadwater families asking for hosts.

FUNDING ASSESSMENT SURVEY

68.52% responses voted for supplies
57.41% responses voted for supplies technology
50.03% responses voted for supplies artists special guests

It's possible that those who completed the survey are not aware of the \$100 supplies reimbursement program already in place within this PTC.

27 teachers responded.

- 17 of those voted for artists/field trips.
- 15 classroom materials.
- 14 technology.
- 12 playground

Staff noted playground higher than parents

Question raised: Why aren't teachers tapping into their classroom allowance? Only 6 staff have put in requests, while 16 have the ability to ask.

Question for Sue: Is there something that's not working for you? Is there a barrier?

A lot of things on the list are more like durable equipment, rather than expendable equipment. Requests generally for project-focused supplies, not typically reused.

A lot of teachers have asked for headphones, pencil sharpeners, area rugs. What are the barriers? Not enough? Don't have receipts? Too narrow a focus? Can we put together wish list (not to go to parents) that

says please indicate which items you want PTC to order for you?

Have separate funds available for field trips, artists?

We need to establish a base amount. In January need to decide and start offloading funds.

White Knight. Thank you out.

SUPERINTENDENT PARENT COUNCIL REPORT

- 501 c3 status. More groups want to do it but need guidance.
- Poor air quality and how different schools—old facilities vs. new—dealing with it for asthma. HEPA filters, what are the options for providing areas where kids can go for terrible conditions. How will the new facilities deal with that? DO they have central air?
- Quality of environment. Air room temperatures. how deal with it? Rooms get really hot. Need some space with good exchange of air.
- Question on district's policy on athletics. When discontinues activities. Decision left to coaches. Some athletes were outside when they shouldn't have been. Need a firmer policy. follow. Need to build into system can't get caught up. Data reports an hour or two behind. Wide disparity between teams/coaches. Potential liability for the school. Coaches appear to know guidelines. District needs to put on the pressure. American lung association putting together a cache of heppa filters for schools in need.
- Possibilities of ceiling fans to help control the temperatures. Smaller air conditioning unit that don't pull air in from outside? PTO fundraising efforts?
- Discussions on new buildings. When do you develop strategy? How long down the road planning for? Need to be careful and cautious. Need a strategic plan. Let schools be build. By 2019 need to update Mosaic report to be eligible for state money. Not as complete a plan as necessary. District fallen behind in maintenance of buildings. Make a generational investment and build lasting schools. Then talk maintenance and other issues. Some board members want to talk strategic plan immediately. I think leads to misinterpretation. March bond issue to decide if they want to go down the road of trying to build a school. In 2018, East Helena will decide if they want to go down the road of trying to get a new high school. If east Helena gets new school, they capture property from Helena school district and will capture taxes. about \$70 per year.
- We need new high school. Next discussion will be for new middle schools.
- New strategy with maintenance money. 10 to 12 projects throughout the district. Very efficient. Our reserve for maintenance is 1.2 mil per year. When you get a surprise of a roof for new roof, cost is 600K. Community has to make commitment to invest.
- Do any elementary schools have food bank for students? School counselor at capital high, 30 students getting food from pantry. parents donate and others. Any schools interested in participating in food pantry stuff. Brew and pantry. HMS has Bob's pantry. In nurses office. Pantry full of necessities. Work to make non-stigmatized thing. You don't wear a sign. Capital brew and pantry. Emily Brand discuss. Kids can pick what they're eating. If school does food drive, talk to Capital.
- Central wants to do one school one book. Any other schools want to join. Want to partner? Central school. bagged books for every family. Every family gets a chapter book of calendar. Culminating events at end promoting community and literacy. Event with partner school.
- Technology in schools. In light of bond passing. New bond supposed to support technology? Jefferson hosted first technical fun run. Push back because of the bond supposed to support it. What is being funded with regard to technology? Fuds loosely allocated until final budgets allocated. Majority go too safety. Discussion: what do we want technology to look like district wide? School priority is interactive video conferencing system. Should be meeting basic classroom needs before spending dollars on video. Having a conference with other schools in the district to join other classes. 4600 currently computers in the school. Want one student, one computer. Need 8000 to meet that. fast approaching when one-on-one computers necessary. Legal question: Do activities meet constitutional muster? Needs to be equal educational opportunity. If got

- computers for all of school, required to share with rest of the district.
- How build sense of community between schools? If we start working together now, then middle schools will be more supported (for elementary). Most computers from e-rate, federal program. Matching. all resources into e-rate. Other groups doing tech boost....SmartBoard technology.
- District spends 1.5 mil/year in text books. At 25% increase year, need one computer per child. What about leasing? Contract enabling technology replacements.

OTHER ITEMS:

COLOR RUN

- Lea paid registration fee to MSCR. Lea and Nann will complete follow-up survey. Needing to build up committee.

PTC DOMAIN/WEBSITE

- BroadwaterSchool(elementary)PTC.com
- Nann to go ahead and secure

OTHER FUNDRAISING IDEAS

- Seed sale. Move forward.
- Recipe book compiled by students to sell? Nann could lay it out.

BOX TOPS.

- Handouts will go out in January. Patti B is developing the handouts. BoxTops will be counted and the classroom with the most submitted by Feb 23rd will get pizza party March 2nd.

Holiday Program set-up crew

- Lea get meat and cheese platter to deliver to the school Thursday at 3:30.

LUNCH FOR EDUCATORS ON 12/22.

- PTC will pay for catered lunch for all staff. Plan for 40. Lea will shop around and deliver meal that day.

YAK TRAX

- Lea will obtain and deliver Yak Traxs to the 8 paras who gave their boot size to Sue.

NEW SCHOOL SONG

- Lea will post on FB about new song.
- Sue to get group photo to Lea for FB.
- Sue sent e-mail out to Broadwater families with link to song.

MOVIE NIGHT

- Talk about movie night next meeting to start possibly in February.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Principal/teachers describe funding-ask barriers (Sue)
- Holiday Program set-up meat/cheese tray (Lea)
- Determine who caters lunch for 40 (Lea)
- Post new song to FB (Lea)
- Group photo to Lea for FB (Sue)
- Deliver Color Run check to Fairgrounds (Nann)
- Set up wellness committee meeting (Nann)
- Set up PTC domain/web (Nann)
- Inquire about seed sales (Nann)