

Attendees: Chris Knudson, Tamara Knudson, Erika Wald, Debra Dewitt, Christine Bargman, Kristy Masteller, John Edwards, Rick Casey, Laura Casey, Steve Wright, Madilyn Hutchinson, Ariel and Gerald Ocker, Matt Zarecor, Josie Summers, Sonny Summers, Tisha Woolf, Karie Schaff, Kalista Bernardi, Rebecca MacMullan, Jill Cathey, Lisa Swanson, Jennifer Alexander, Yuri Morozov, Jeanne McCarty, Sunshine Bunch, Shawna Nicholson, Danielle Schilbe, Mindy Gagne, Francell Daubert, Barb Jeske, Cadie Olsen, Jeff Daniels, Diana Terpening, Emily Ling.

Principal’s Update (Debra)

- ASB assembly – family groups met 5th/6th/7th/8th – came up with mythical creatures where students had to come up with positive traits
- Celebrated MLK
- Working on how to add 4th grade for next year- how to serve them best
- Dr. Redinger
 - 4 c’s (curriculum, collaboration, class size (would like smaller class sizes), conferences (would like variance in conferences so that they do not have to be just like rest of in-district)

Next week president of the school board will be here for a visit

Feb 9th – strings and band concert and bake sale.

Financials (Erika):

- Direct donations \$543.90 (checks into office or through Paypal)
- \$8200 from Play-a-thon
- \$1000 from bake sale
- Passive fundraising \$130.08 in December
- \$390 Direct donations
- \$462 boxtops
- December spending
 - Lego grant (only paid out \$57 from PTG)
 - Paid out \$500 to Taekwondo
 - \$400 DJ dance
 - \$350 to math teams
 - \$746 music
- Checking ~\$16,000 current operating budget – still need \$17,000 to go to meet budget
- Savings ~ \$13,000 (-\$5000 for reserve)
- 5th/6th Math is cool sending 4 teams – think there is still enough in the budget to cover

Comment: what is the % of families that provide direct donations?

- Suggested tiered auto withdrawal – would lose \$ on donation (3-4%) Erika will look into
- Jill Cathey suggested to set up automatic reminder to pay donation
- Madilyn will help check into options for auto pay

Comment: Would like to see more reminders in newsletter for direct donations

Socials: Special thanks to:

- Francell and Audrey (ice cream)
- Stacey Zarecor (dance)

Lego Robotics (Barb)

- Gerald Ocker volunteered to help. Program is about developing/building teamwork. Barb would be willing to hold a skill building session to train new coaches to take over for next year.
- Science club also needs new coaches for next year. (8th Grade students)
- Math is cool will also need new coaches...maybe Ms. Numata may be interested?

Fundraisers:

- **Bake Sale (Karie)**
 - Feb 9th – begin at 5PM
 - Ideas – include jams, jellies, for bake sale
 - Will begin signup genius tomorrow
 - Suggested to have 7th and 8th grade parents should volunteer
 - Baskets for next year (movie night and spa baskets – with raffle tickets)
 - Star Wars, Harry Potter,
- **Ski Mob (Madilyn)**
 - Ski mob – begins this Friday
 - There will be 3 events – possibly Saturdays or additional days will be scheduled if weather holds out.
- **Apex Fun Run (Tisha Wolf) –**
 - Apex runs it for you, school keeps 50-60% depending on amount raised.
 - Motivational messages and athletes come in throughout the week
 - All inclusive – everyone gets a t-shirt. All students participate because it is held during the school day.
 - Online piece: - pledges come in the day of the fund run and reminders are set up to easily collect \$\$ from pledges.
 - Kalista Bernardi – positive feedback from kids at Moran Prairie
 - Could have Tessera kids participate as well.
- **John Edwards –**
 - Small business owner – makes sports furniture items through digital printing
 - Decals – car window decals, printed on vinyl with protected surfaces (for cars, etc), banners, booster club signs, etc.
 - Presented several products that could be used to help raise funds for Odyssey.
 - “Proud parent of...”
 - School would keep portion of \$\$
 - Forms

Teachers Stipend and Outdoor Camp Discussion (Chris)

- End of year – final cost of camp, split 3 ways.....Not accurate.
- No single group that understands how camp works
- The school district does not contribute to camp. ASB pays ...from funds they have raised.

- There will need to be an increase in cost of camp
- Looking for ways to cut costs.
- Currently cost per student is \$72 for camp

Christine: - would like to help work on fundraising to fund full amount of camp including teacher stipends

- Ideally would like to have about 10 kids per group
- Could reduce number of teachers if more parent volunteers attended
- 24 hr job at camp ...doesn't end
- said that stipend is in the contract
- Danielle – supportive of teachers
- Discussion of camp costs
 - Steve: Funding issue – Book sale ~\$6000 no longer coming in.
 - Suggested donation coupons “help send me to camp”
 - Camp needs to become self-funded:
 - Important to avoid fundraiser fatigue – educate parents
 - Mindy and Francell offered to provide help to teachers rather than money
 - Ms. Masteller refused help and said this has to be the year that the planning stipend is paid to them (Ms. Masteller and Ms. Bargman). She acknowledged that she does not want to relinquish tasks to others.
 - Saul House – pays for scholarships to any student to attend a school function
 - Motion to send budget to all parents asking for increased cost to \$130 – send out to all parents. Motion not stopped and was not voted on.
 - Informative hand out with kids, survey, and emails to all parents.

Other Business:

- Need Communications Officer (update website and post newsletters)
 - Jeff Daniels volunteered
- Lego Robotics Coach
- Next meeting scheduled for Feb 17th.