

TBS PTO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

February 12, 2020

In attendance: Dave Shepard, Dawn Zavashlian, Kristen Loparco, Amena , Erin LaMadrid

- Jess Buckle came in to discuss the Battle of the Books. There is \$674 for the prizes. There will be a raffle for the prizes and last year there were a lot of gift cards. There were also some donations.
- For the grade level battle - last year they did book bags with "Champions" written on it. Should we do it this year? It is \$39 for twelve bags - may have to buy 2 sets, they come in groups of 7, but trying to just get 12.
- Considering a plaque with names of the champions for each grade. It would cost \$50.00. We could purchase the plaque this year and then each subsequent year pay for the engraving. The Board authorized an increase of \$100 and it was approved by a quorum.
- Jess asked if we can help with prizes this year and we did in the past year. Dawn will put it in the post asking for volunteer to do it.
- The author visit was a big success. Lauren Tarshis donated 20 books to the library and one student per class got a signed set of books.
- Bill mentioned that maybe we could alternate a literacy event and a math even every year. Maybe do the math the same year as battle of the books. Would also like to open up the author event to more families.
- Would it be possible to reuse some books from years past? Jess was fine with using some old books but would need some new ones too. New books are good because they are diverse and represent the student body.
- Maybe next year there could be a parent book group to help read some of the books. That is a possibility. There is a pretty strict criteria that the teachers have to go by and vote on.
- Dawn asked Bill if it would be possible to have a parent night celebration where the kids walk across the stage in addition to the 6th grade party. Bill thought that would be a part of the party the PTO is doing.

- Maybe a parent night for teachers to give certificates to kids with refreshments after. Bill said something like that has not been approved and he has an idea for something else. Dawn would like to do a survey asking the parents what they would like to do for kids. She thinks it is important to have a graduation for 6th and 8th kids and their accomplishments. Bill thinks maybe a big activity at Winding Trails. Bill will get back to us on the graduation.

- Family night - next year we need to do a fall family night. It is a little late for a family night because it is meant to be an introduction to the school. Maybe next year do a picnic on the grounds of the school for families to get to know each other.

- It was decided that a game night would be too young for this age group. Kristen will let Katie know.

- Should we still do the parent night? Most people said a beer and wine tasting. Paula has done a lot of work researching but it is a busy time and there is a lot going on. Maybe we could do it at the new Wooden Tap. We could provide food and people could buy their own alcohol. Erin will ask Paula to look in to it.

- Tickets sales for the musical will start next week. It will be general admission.

- Dawn did a walk through at the Farmington Clun on Feb. 25th and will have a committee meeting that day. They will have a DJ and photo booth booked by the end of next week. Looking for a new head of decorations. They are drafting the invitations.

- The winter session for after school activities is under way. They did a survey for some ideas. People want Mr. Lynch's class back but he didn't want to do it with Avon After School. We are looking at another group as well but Avon After School. There were a lot of requests for STEM. Bill would also like to see the results and share with the staff and he will talk to Mr. Lynch as well. We should develop a form for the teachers to get the details of what they want. Amena will work on that.

- Bill thinks that it would be a benefit to have some of the teachers who could also self promote the classes and would maybe pull kids who need some social connection.

- It was agreed that we should not change the company right now. We made less money this year, but we knew that was going to happen. It is a smoother process and less liability for the PTO. Bill would like to compare after school activities from this year and last year.

- We will vote for the new board in the April meeting. Dave has set the budget for 2020/2021. Family night was not a fundraiser, in fact it will be a loss because we will pay for dessert but not charge for the event. We will be doing 1 and done. We still have plenty of \$.

- Will go over the budget more in the next meeting.

- The board voted no on a class gift from the class of 2020.
- We will do one PTO night meeting in March.