

**2/8/21 PSO Meeting**  
**Meeting began at 7:00pm , 12 participants present**

**Opening Prayer – Angela York, Secretary**

Reminder: Please type your questions in the group chat as you think of them and we will work through them during the additional business portion of the meeting.

**Budget Report – Deb Mahan, Treasurer**

Cash on Hand as of 2/4/21 - \$7,205.27

Income to date (2/4/21):

Donations - \$2,655.00

Uniforms - \$668.05

Pumpkins - \$1,030

Spirit Gear - \$334.94

Fundraisers - \$403.78

Harris Teeter - \$184.97

Box Tops \$82.70

Restricted Donations - \$750.00

Budget Balances (2/4/21):

Teacher Appreciation - \$758.71

Cultural Arts - \$500.00

Care Team - \$346.90

Outdoor Learning - \$529.83

Drive-in Movie - \$103.00

Book Fair - \$350.00

Spring Event - \$500.00

MS Connections - \$876.23

New Families - \$200.00

Box Tops - \$50.00

Discretionary spending (calendars) - \$164.33

**Committee Reports**

**PSO Care Team – Martha-Page Althaus/Katie Ward**

Since last meeting 4<sup>th</sup> grade quarantined – they did a donut delivery for each student

Working on spring project – trying to identify frontline workers in the school. Rosie and Barb are in the works of obtaining a list

Spirit Week (2<sup>nd</sup> week in March) idea - everyone dressing up as their favorite “essential worker”? - Handmade signs for essential workers in carpool line?

Re: Spirit Week - Barb and Rosie will be leading and organizing the Lutheran School Week this year in order to take some of the load off the teachers. Please feel free to contact either of them with ideas/ suggestions/ questions.

### New Family Mentoring – Gina Alladin/Caroline Busbice

- Getting ready to do a communication back with the families – thanking them and continuing communication. Often they (new families) are wanting to know how they can help in the school.
- Proposal for a “new family packet” to be given to new families – please send a message with ideas of things/info you think should be included. Like maybe a sheet of paper listing uniform details, or where to find your class schedule, or how to navigate Sycamore.
- Working on possibly adding New family info on the website too as a link to answer some common questions
- In person/ virtual tours at this time were discussed. Rosie shared some insight and our current situation.

### Middle School Connections – Jeff Nagy/Katie Jennings/Leah Robison/Eugene Yamamura

#### Teacher Appreciation – Heather Blanchard/Brandi Hale

- Gratitude jars are this months gift
- Working on ideas for March

#### Cultural Arts – Lindsay Kuru/Shannon McSwiney

- Ideas for Spring- trying to figure out if the event needs to be virtual or if outdoor in person is ok? Rosie thinks by Spring we will be able to do outdoors.
- Possible virtual option – assemblies (virtual form their classrooms )
- In person option- Paperhand Puppets (parade outside)
- BMX is still a possibility. He is more than willing to come. The team just needs to know if that is possible with our “Healthy Together” plan.

#### Spring Family Fun - Chris Johnson/Shannon McSwiney

- No new updates but ideas in the works
- Disc Golf ideas discussed...weather it be a family fun day or even a club for extra curricular. By March of this year, Lochmere disc golf course will be open (Details given by Chris Johnson as he is deeply involved in the project)
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#### Spirit Gear – Katherine Mitchell

- School Store set to open Feb 15<sup>th</sup>. Open for 2 weeks, order online, then 2 week turnaround. Goal is to have gear in possession by spirit week (2<sup>nd</sup> week in March). Most of same apparel items and trying to also add more non-apparel items: Car magnets, vinyl stickers, Tervis cups, water bottle, masks...
- Request to put out a survey to see what families would prefer of the above mentioned so we can narrow down options. The minimum order quantity is #50 for these items. That's a lot to commit to without knowing families preferences.

#### Book Fair - Stacy Parr

- Getting ready to place an order for Mrs. Lyles and Mrs. Johanson (winner of the teacher raffle) All using Scholastic dollars.

- Committee is seeking Permission to install a “Free Library”. Stacy volunteered to donate and build the Library . Designs have been submitted.
- Suggestions/thoughts shared: How is content going to be monitored ...and specifically if open to the public (by being placed on the free library map). Also it was suggested to include this proposal in the outdoor learning enhancements/ additions proposal to the School and Church

#### Uniform Sale – Leah Robison

- Done till fall ...more updates then

#### Nominations - Leah Robison

- Still waiting on some responses from current PSO members as to their commitment intentions for the following school year.
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- The suggestions were made in having a “Middle School Chair” and an “Elementary Chair” to help maintain links and connections and broaden the boards capacity. Kind of like a “member at large”. Extra point of contacts is the goal here. And more manpower/brainstormers on the board.

#### Fundraising/Retail connections/Box Tops - Helen Gibbs/Brittany Yokeley

#### **Additional Business:**

#### Playground Work Days

##### Priorities:

- relocate basketball goal to the side of the concrete pad (limits how often people get hit by balls under the shade structure/designates an area for basketball and an area for hopscotch/four square/etc)
- paint the concrete with 4 square/hopscotch
- remove monkey grass and shrub from outdoor learning space
- create barrier between learning space/sidewalk (knee wall or narrow planters)

\*\*Are there other priorities that you would identify for repair/renovation on the main playground?

-We have the opportunity for a grant request and Helen is working on writing and submitting that to help fund our outdoor learning proposals.

-Helen is meeting with an landscape professional this weekend to come up with an estimate for the playground fixes and updates . Chris Johnson has experience in this area and has volunteered to work with Helen on this proposal/ estimate research.

**Action Items from this meeting**

- List of frontline workers for Care team
- Clarification/ Permission requested to move forward with outdoor Spring event by the Cultural Arts Committee
- Follow up with Disc Golf ideas discussed
- Co-chair needed in Spirit Gear to work with Katherine in this fun area of School Spirit

Meting ended at 8:00PM