

# MINUTES

## *Border Star Montessori PTA Meeting*

*Date / time* Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018 | *Meeting called by* Tim Hill | *Attendance* 44

6:08 pm Meeting called to order by Tim Hill

Approval of Minutes: CORRECTION\* Chromebooks scheduled to get here end of Nov. Frederick moved to accept the Oct. minutes with the correction. Seconded. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

### PRINCIPAL/ STAFF REPORT

- Pre-K enrollment on Dec. 4th, 6:30 a.m. P-3s will need to re-enroll. Will have a slot no need to rush. Sibling priority. Cannot apply at the school. ONLINE only.
- Principal's meeting with Superintendent - discussed next year's calendar. Looking for input. Having meetings: Nov. 26 at 5 pm AC Prep. Nov. 29 Linwood YMCA, ??? , Dec. 5 DAC meeting.
- Thanksgiving Feast: Teacher by teacher. Please don't take your kids out until 3:10. Volunteer if you need something to do.
- City School Fair: great experience Gonna set up another tour for interested parents. Trying to plan a parent Ed night before winter break.
- MAPP scores still haven't come in might be Jan or even March.

### FUNDRAISING

- Fall fundraiser wrapped up. Right under \$4,000. Close to \$1000 were donations. Good participations.
- Delivery is Wed. Dec. 5 for distribution.
- Holiday parking was a failure. Raised \$65.
- Trivia night in April. Trying to get a committee together and need some help. Staff and volunteers attend for free. If anyone has a good venue - needs to hold about 300 people. Looking for space \$5000 or less. Ms. Wolfe suggested St. Andrews' new space.
- Use Amazon Smile. Panera Restaurant night Nov. 29th fliers will go out soon.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Membership: Please join the PTA! It's only \$5 and you'll have voting right
- Health and Wellness: raised close to \$100 at skate party. Staff skates for free. Next skating party in mid January.

- Yearbook: Dragon drawing contest is happening. Winner's drawing
- Garden: final clean up for the end of the season tomorrow at 4pm. LINC could help?
- MMUN: looking for some volunteers. Talk to Ms. Burton. Box tops are going towards MMUN next date to turn them in is May.
- Spirit Wear: Meridith and her family have left Border Star. Need a replacement.
- New Parent Liaison: Stephanie Swanson pulled together this new committee and has had to step down. Was very helpful for new families. Looking for someone to take it over.
- Audio Visual system: \$15,000 estimate. Want to see if the district would contribute.
- Green Team: Still needs help
- Uniform Exchange: Shantee' will be our new chair.

## OFFICER REPORTS

- Treasurer: Maggie says we've been putting more money in than taking out.
- Secretary: Question about what is taught regarding the history of Thanksgiving. Some research allowed in a Lower EI class was introducing kids to age-inappropriate conversations, causing anxiety and strong emotions. Ms. Wolfe and Ms. White addressed concerns by saying teachers usually present information more generally (age-appropriate) and let parents take the discussion deeper at home.
- Katie: money was allocated to an on-site, volunteer run, dental hygiene program where kids get a cleaning and with parent approval, a screening by a dentist/hygienist- leading to more referrals for treatment. Kids can receive a couple of fluoride treatments. Casts a wider net and can be helpful to refer kids to the UMKC program, which we already participate in. UMKC's program is off-site. Consent forms coming home in Wed. folder. Program will be implemented in January hopefully. Ran into a snag b/c the district is requesting an MOU (memorandum of understanding), which Katie doesn't have and has never need before. Questions about MOU - why wouldn't Katie just create an MOU if the district is asking for one. Parent suggested that they can be complicated. Katie states that since this is volunteer based and not an organization, this has never been an issue. Parents requesting more information before proceeding with the program.
- Tetherball: Frederick and Tim have purchased materials for four permanent tetherball sets. Have marked spots on the blacktop. Waiting for the district to install these. Tim will put together a temporary set in the meantime using pieces of other equipment.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Frederick - computers frequently broken.
- Ms. White: getting new chromebooks. As they break, we put in a work order and they come back pretty quickly. Grades 3-6 will get new machines. Can some volunteers help with fixing broken computers since younger kids are using those? Ms. White would have to check. Computer lab is always open too.
- Spirit Week coming up: Ms. Allen heading up Spirit Week Dec. 10-14, as a fundraiser for United Way. Info should come up after holidays.