

General Membership Meeting August 27, 2020

Call to Order 6:34

54 Members present

Inspiration, and Welcome new teachers

Old Business: January Minutes Approval (attached) Lisa, 2nd Sarah Smith, motion passed

News from Ms. Tanya

Grateful for the whole community working hard, and for our level of autonomy as a Montessori program. Hopeful for being back in person asap. We are here with the intention and focus of fulfilling the needs of the children. Please reach out via email at any time. I don't have all the answers but I will respond the best I can. I am here to support you.

Treasurer's Report \$895 in memberships and donations. September opening balance of 21846.50

Committee Updates

Amanda – kicked off Reflections this week – theme is I Matter Because...

We offered funding to arts department to provide materials to students. Looking for parents to do volunteer workshops with students and work with them to develop their ideas. Ellisreflections@gmail.com. Please encourage students to participate.

October 27 first Bobcat Dads reading

Jeni Brady – needs volunteers and ideas

Sarah Smith – Ellis PTA website has a calendar and news, get more information than FB, forms for Reflections, PTA leaders. School council president as well.

Beverly – Hopefully we will have Culture Fest in February, would like parents to provide entertainment this year

Health and Wellness – offering support to Nurse Chris and staff, please send us ideas. Wreath sale fundraiser is still planned for the holidays. Working with teachers on the garden and pond areas.

Lori Wynn – halfway to our goal of 200 members. Encourage family and friends to join!

Parent advisory – Kelly /Erin – school supply drive was a success, thank you for all the donations. 60 supply bags / 40 distributed. Remaining materials are with the school councillors if anyone needs them. Superintendent invited us to the District working group. If you have or applying for IEP/401 please fill out survey. This applies to any family in the district. October 5 deadline for voter registration. Mail in ballots will go out in September. Contact us for information.

Census bureau needs info – important to complete census.

Christy School safety

Science enrichment – April G Southern students science and STEM night.

Teacher appreciation – we are so grateful for all your hard work and we know it is a very challenging time and we appreciate the grace and courtesy. If there are things the PTA can do to support you, please reach out.

Lisa – I am a parent and a teacher

Holly – Spring Teacher grants awarded. \$13, 623.21. Thanks to the PTA's fundraising efforts. Safety grant Tyler was awarded 15 two way radios for staff use. Chris awarded an emergency supply bag for each classroom. Angie received grant to improve video production room, soundproofing, microphones. Introductory video projects for upper EI and Erdkinder. 10 Teachers ADD/ADHD webinar. Upper EI – Kami \$2,500 2 sets of SRA reading and math kits and 1 partial kit. Fall grant window mid-September. Do Good Things grants – 4 recipients last year.

Playground improvements - ad hoc committee, Kelly,, Sally, Heidi, Yvette, Melanie, Christy, Mr. Sean. Proper room dividers for MPR will be here September 8. Approval to plant 4 large trees , 20 ft live oak, 15 foot magnolia.

Boosterthon Updates – various ways to do Fun Run from a distance if necessary.

New Business: 2020-2021 Budget (attached). Motion Mary Britton 2nd Sara Hartley. Motion carried.

Announcements from School Council – send out nominations in September for 3 new members. Voting end of September. First meeting is first Monday in October. Looking for a business member as well. Please email Sarah.

MESS – AMS accreditation application to have 3 year olds. May need volunteers to assist. Public Montessori – teacher training. Links in the school newsletter. Look out for MESS photography fundraiser.

Bobcat Community Partner Spotlight – Mathnasium has increased their annual donation. Please let them know that we appreciate the support.

First Spirit night September 1 at Chipotle. Details on Facebook and school announcements.
Holidays are September 7, October 9.

Nurse Chris – grateful for volunteers that helped with hearing, vision and scoliosis screenings last year.

Members please reach out if you would like to volunteer with any committee.

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