

Sierra PTA General Meeting Notes
December 13, 2018
Sierra Cafeteria

1. 6:35 pm - Call to Order (Amy Nitta)
2. Do the Math Presentation (Colleen Knight)
 - a. This is a Jeffco approved intervention
 - b. It helps 140-160 Sierra students per year
 - c. The PTA currently funds \$1500, the total annual budget is \$3,600.00 Colleen and the administration are requesting that PTA fund this program entirely for the rest of the year and create a permanent line item for future PTA budgets
3. Principal's Report (Troy Brickley)
 - a. Mid-year testing is being completed, so far they are seeing amazing growth throughout the school.
 - b. Thanks to the PTA for the Holiday Brunch that will take place tomorrow
 - c. Kindergarten Interest Night was on December 4th, about 80 parents were present. Representatives from Sierra also attended an area-wide school information night at Standley Lake Library on December 5th.
 - d. Online enrollment is being rolled out. Everyone, regardless of current enrollment has to use the new system this year. It will begin January 22, 2019.
 - e. Sierra has earned the John Irwin award for academic excellence!
4. Presentation on Google Summit (Christy Yacano, Emily Elkins, Renee McElroy, Melissa Gurley)
 - a. Teachers presented a "Demo Slam" highlighting things they learned at the Google Summit that they felt really helped them in their classrooms.
 - b. Emily Elkins:
 - i. Sphero Robotics and Coding
 1. Helps with critical thinking and mathematics
 - ii. Screencastify
 1. Allows her to create gifs of her instructions that students can revisit as needed
 - c. Renee McElroy
 - i. Panoform
 1. Allows students to create virtual reality drawings and then explore what they are learning through those drawing (ie. ecosystems)
 - ii. Merge Cube
 1. Works with apps to become a hologram that students can then manipulate and interact with (ie. solar system - can move planets, click on links to learn more facts)
 - d. Melissa Gurley
 - i. Google Keep
 1. Kids can save websites to help in their research and then return to evaluate the information after continuing to research

- 2. Allows reminders to be set for a variety of conditions, including location based reminders
 - ii. Google Classroom
 - 1. Uploads grades to a spreadsheet, allowing her more time for classroom tasks and planning
 - 2. Constantly learning about new add-ons that make the features more useful
 - e. Christy Yacano (for Brian Fassbinder)
 - i. Google Forms - Choose Your Own Adventure
 - 1. Allows students to click on topic and sends them to links that have (teacher chosen) information about their topic.
 - ii. Assessment Feedback
 - 1. Students can take a quiz, and if their answer is wrong they can get immediate feedback as well as a video reteaching them what they need to know.
5. PTA Updates (Amy Nitta)
- a. Nominating Committee
 - i. Anyone except current board members can be on the committee, please see Amy after the meeting if interested.
 - b. Officer Positions Available Next Year
 - i. President will definitely be open for next year
 - ii. Other positions not yet determined
 - c. March Elections
 - i. Nominations will begin in January 2019
 - d. Silent Auction Update
 - i. The Silent Auction chairs have stepped down
 - ii. This decision prompted the Board to decide to switch the fundraising schedule for next year
 - 1. The Silent Auction will take place September 2019
 - 2. The Sabertooth Sprint will take place Spring 2020
 - e. Sabertooth Sprint Update
 - i. The fun run raised just over \$21,000 after expenses
 - f. Communication
 - i. There is a new PTA newsflash going out weekly, hopefully will get information out to more parents than Facebook
 - ii. The Board is still considering sending out a Communication survey to see how parents prefer to get their information.
6. Budget Update (Amy Nitta, Lori Bass)
- a. Proposal For Handling Surplus
 - i. The PTA Board is proposing that we carry over approximately \$30,000 of the current surplus to fully fund next year's PTA budget
 - ii. The remaining funds would be available by application:

1. \$7,000 for staff proposals, to be collected and vetted by Mr. Brickley and Mrs. Foerster. A max of three will be presented.
2. \$5,000 for parent proposals, to be collected and vetted by the PTA Board. A max of three proposals will be presented.
3. Proposals must be complete with concrete plans, prices, quotes, and an explanation of how the item proposed will benefit the Sierra Community.
4. Proposals must be submitted by February 7, 2019 and will be made available to all PTA members by February 14, 2019.
5. Proposals will be voted on by the general membership at the next PTA General Meeting March 8, 2019.
6. Christi Cassady motioned for this proposal to be voted on by the members present. It was seconded and approved unanimously, with a vote of 20 yays, 0 nos.

b. Vote on Requests for Funding

i. Arts Night (Cathy Moore)

1. Cathy Moore presented about Arts Night which will take place on April 24, 2019. There will be performances by students, professional performers, artists. Student art work will be on display and hands on activities will also be offered.
2. The Arts Night Committee is requesting \$500 to cover some expenses from the night.
3. Discussion was had about whether these Spring Community Events should have line items in the PTA Budget. Typically Carnival is a zero-cost event and Arts Night has not been a PTA sponsored event in the past.
4. Heather Behrends motioned for the PTA budget to be amended so that \$1000 "Muffins with Mom" or "Donuts with Dad" line items be combined into one line item called "Pastries with Parents" and that \$500 be reallocated from that line item to be used for Arts Night instead. The motion was seconded and was passed with a vote of 19 yays, 1 no.

ii. Crossing Guards Monthly Drawing (Amy Nitta for Becca Rehme)

1. Becca would like \$150 to be used for monthly drawings to thank the crossing guards for their service.
2. Discussion was had about rewarding some volunteers vs all volunteers. Some crossing guards come from the neighborhood not the school community. People felt that this was a tough volunteer job to take on and had a direct impact on student safety.
3. Portia Hugger motioned for the PTA budget to be amended so that \$1000 "Muffins with Mom" or "Donuts with Dad" line items be combined into one line item called "Pastries with Parents" and that \$150 be reallocated from that line item to be used for Crossing

Guard Monthly drawing instead. The motion was seconded and was passed with a vote of 18 yays, 2 nos.

4. This will leave \$350 in the new line item named "Pastries with Parents" which should be enough to cover the single event in Spring 2019.

iii. Do the Math

1. After discussion about how to amend the PTA budget to cover the additional costs of Do the Math, Amy Nitta suggested tabling the matter until the next general meeting with the understanding that there is general consensus to support Do the Math fully. This was approved by those present.

7. Misc

- a. Cathy Moore moved to approve the PTA General Meeting Minutes from September 4, 2018. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

8. Meeting Adjourned - 8:35