

Sierra PTA General Meeting Notes  
March 19, 2019  
Sierra Cafeteria

1. Call to Order (Amy Nitta 6:35pm)
  - a. Approve minutes from last meeting
    - i. Approved
  - b. Message from Lennon
    - i. Summer camp enrollment is starting, there are new locations, check out the YMCA's website for more information.
  - c. Update on Do the Math/Crossing Guard Budget Items
    - i. Upon further review of PTA policy, the PTA is not allowed to fund Jeffco Staff salaries or benefits so the PTA is unable to pay for Do the Math.
    - ii. Crossing Guards have been given Teacher Birthday gift cards, per suggestion at the end of the last meeting
  - d. Principal Update (Troy Brickley)
    - i. Jeffco has not yet determined if there will need to be additional days added to the end of the school year due to the snow days from the Bomb Cyclone Blizzard.
    - ii. Thank you to all the Staff that is present at the meeting, the highest staff attendance.
    - iii. CMAS testing is beginning, one day has already been completed, there are several more on the calendar.
    - iv. Enjoy Spring Break!
2. PTA General Business
  - a. Science Fair (Jodie Miller)
    - i. 95 participants have signed up, largest participation rate of the past few years
    - ii. PTA funds pay for t-shirts, medals and prizes
    - iii. April 18th and 19th, public showcase will be April 18th 5-7pm, with prizes being awarded at 6pm, do not need to be present to win an award.
  - b. Teacher Appreciation Brunch
    - i. Teacher Appreciation Brunch is May 9th 9:15 - 10:15
    - ii. Kimber Jones will be reaching out to all room parents to ensure that classroom coverage is taken care of
  - c. Community Events (Kim Nolte)
    - i. Restaurant Nights
      1. Tokyo Joe's raised \$215
      2. Noodles and Co raised \$417
      3. Next restaurant night is April 10, 2019 at GB Fish and Chips 3pm - close
    - ii. Orangetheory Fitness Fundraiser

1. The PTA has partnered with OTF for a fundraiser, April 27th 12:30-1:30, see flyer for phone number to call to sign up
    2. All proceeds go back to the PTA
  - iii. Parents and Pastries
    1. The PTA will be hosting an opportunity for parents to meet each other and kids to play on the playground, May 10th before school
3. PTA Elections
  - a. Nominations on the Floor?
    - i. No nominations on the floor
  - b. Open Positions
    - i. Still looking for a Vice President of Committees and a Secretary
  - c. Voting Rules
    - i. Because there were no competing nominations, it can be motioned for approval of the entire slate of candidates.
  - d. Vote
    - i. It was motioned to approve the following slate:
      1. President - Kristen Hinkle
      2. VP Membership - Heather Behrends
      3. VP Community Events - Leann Garcia
      4. Treasurer - Jeff Foss
    - ii. Motion seconded
    - iii. Slate approved
4. Surplus Grant Proposals
  - a. Family Proposals
    - i. Display Panels (Meredith Fousel)
      1. This was originally a staff proposal that was not chosen, Meredith and Jessie Francis overheard a discussion about it and chose to put it forward as a parent proposal
      2. These would be folding wall panels, that would come with storage bags. There would be 7 total and would be stored in the outdoor sheds.
      3. They will be very useful as they can be used for Arts Night, Silent Auction, SAGE, Science Fair, etc
      4. Total Cost \$4475
      5. Questions that had been asked: what about the display panels that had been offered to the school as a donation? Meredith believes this was a false rumor.
    - ii. Playground Shade (Dawn Schippe)
      1. Many parents are concerned about the lack of shade on the playground
      2. Proposing shades be installed over play structures
      3. The grant money would be held as the Sunshade committee worked to obtain money through fundraising and other grants.

4. Questions:
  - a. Insurance - who would cover replacement costs?
    - i. School insurance
    - ii. Fabric is only small cost, so although unlikely to need replacement, not highly expensive
  - b. When would Sun Shades be up?
    - i. Mainly in the Summer
    - ii. Might need to be taken down in the winter depending on weather conditions
  - c. Kids Climbing - Safety Concerns
    - i. Made with that in mind, steel beams above play structures
  - d. What about covering only the swings?
    - i. Dawn has not looked into that yet
  - e. What would be the estimated time frame?
    - i. 12 -24 months until fundraising and construction completed
  - f. Amy Nitta clarified that a decision to continue to fundraise for sun shades would be a separate discussion.
- b. Staff Proposals (Christy Yacano and Troy Brickley)
  - i. Lucy Calkins
    1. This would purchase grade level appropriate books to complement the Reading Workshop Curriculum
  - ii. Tech Bundle
    1. Ozobot Robot bundle (18 pack)
    2. Digital Subscriptions
      - a. Due to changing Jeffco policies, these subscriptions would be determined at a later date, but would be applicable for all grades K-5.
      - b. Would include Mystery Science
    3. Multiple Chromebook Carts
      - a. Right now the school is using whatever can be found, this would allow for dedicated carts designed for this purpose
  - iii. Chromebook Bundle
    1. Jeffco just decided to discontinue Bring Your Own Device
    2. These chromebooks would supplement what will be provided by the new policy
  - iv. Support Bundle
    1. Substitute Teacher for a day for each teacher
      - a. This may not fall under PTA policy and would have to be looked into
    2. Google Summit Attendance
  - v. Other Information

1. The school leadership asked for proposals from the staff
  2. The leadership then bundled proposals into categories that would cost around \$70000 (an overage will be covered by the school)
  3. Staff voted on the proposals and the proposals were submitted in order of most popular to least popular.
- c. Paper Ballot Vote
- i. Paid PTA members were asked to vote by paper ballot for 1 parent grant proposal item and 1 staff grant proposal item
  - ii. Ballots were collected and counted by Leann Garcia and Kristen Hinkle
- d. Announcement of Results
- i. The PTA will pay for Display Panels and the Tech Bundle upon submission of invoices. The votes tallied as follows:
  - ii. Family Grant Proposals
    1. Display Panels - 28 votes
    2. Playground Shade - 9 votes
  - iii. Staff Proposals
    1. Lucy Calkins Books - 14 votes
    2. Tech Bundle - 21 votes
    3. Chromebook Bundle - 3 votes
    4. Support Bundle - 0 votes
5. Adjourn (Amy Nitta 7:35pm)