

Calvin Smith PTA Agenda and Minutes

Wednesday, November 4 2020 (9:30am- 10:30am)

Held Via Zoom and Recorded

Members Present: Kami Huntsman, Lora Wright, Sarah Terry, Nicole McDermot, James Jensen, Lisa McDonald, Kylie Roberts, Audrey Nielson, Morgan Timothy, Michael Marcrum., Megan Rowley, Cyndi Beck, Megan Van Deventer, CRoot, Charity Huff, Kelli Whitney, Meagan O'bannon, Cherie Root

Members Excused:



Conducting: Kami Huntsman **Reverence:** Kami

Approval of Minutes: Kylie Roberts Motioned to Approved and Lindsay Cotrell Seconds all were in favor.

Treasurer Report: Cyndi

Business:

Teacher Grants:

Email October hours to PTA gmail Please track them and send an email once a week or once a month. Morgan asked for clarification on volunteer hours: it can be anything you spend your time doing for the PTA. For example: attending this meeting, time researching ideas for PTA activities, helping with activities, babysitting while someone else helps, etc. We record these because we need to have a certain amount of hours in order for the PTA to stay tax exempt.

PTA Award Nominations: Kept Private

Nominating Committee: Lora Wright, Nicole McDermot, Lindsay Cotrell, Stephanie Proud

Motion to approve: Liz Jensen Second: Megan Rowley

Review:

Memberhub: We no longer have any chocolate to sell. Yeah!

Volunteering: Please wear a mask and follow the school rules when you are there.

Membership: Any thoughts on how to increase our membership? Megan O'bannon is new and wonders how PTA works and maybe others feel the same. Maybe explaining it to other parents would help them to understand and would increase our membership. What PTA does, why they do it, every voice matters, etc. Lisa McDonald : you don't have to be a stay at home parents to join and be apart. Kylee suggests a flier with examples of what the PTA does. Lora suggests attending meetings or watching them and joining the email and communication groups. Kami says: We do have a facebook and instagram account, email account, bloomz account. Morgan says: the facebook page has been very helpful at this school. Kylie says maybe invite everyone once and invite them to come join.

Lora: One time invitation to the entire school to join a pta meeting once in order to get to know we do. Nicole: Sometimes people forget that they need to join every year, not just one time. Maybe we can remind the parents to join every year. Our email does still include all of the people who have signed up in the past unless they ask to be removed. Kylee suggests including a zoom link in the electronic flier that we may send out.

Spirit Night at CFA It was a great success!

Red Ribbon Week-Went well. Sarah Terry was grateful for the simplicity of the dress up days.

Monster Mash- The point was to add more art opportunities for the students. We had about 30 entries. We shared with teachers to show as a slideshow in the classrooms. Prizes will be handed out today. A lot have mentioned they didn't know it was happening. We'd like to do better at advertising.

Teacher Appreciation Nicole put together halloween treat bags and they really appreciated that.

Reflections: November 11th there will be an intercom announcement and then the kids will be called to the office for awards. The teachers will show the slide show to the kids. The slideshow may be shared with the parents also.

Spirit Wear Sales - Hoodies have been lost in the mail but they will finally receive their hoodies today.

Halloween Parties- Great Success. Teachers appreciated the donations.

Emergency Prep - Still working on updating the boxes. COVID has made us think about extending the amount in the boxes and adding PPE.

Bloomz Account: Please invite anyone to join. Check email or join by code: Z28RUD

Upcoming Events:

Patriotic Week- Nov 9-13th

Spirit Night at Fiiz Nov 16th at 3-8pm

December Family Enrichment activity - Thankful Bingo Family Enrichment activity. They will receive a prize after thanksgiving.

Spirit night in december Wendy's redwood and 7000 south, All Day. Does anyone have ideas for a family enrichment activity? Ideas: Holiday watch a movie party and send home a treat bag, Holiday themed spirit days, etc. Kylee suggests service with the 12 Days of Christmas with your family or the miracle of the wooden shoes. Nicole says maybe move the superbowl of caring up to December. We need to be careful that we focus it on all cultures' celebrations rather than just Christmas. Kelli Whitney suggests: Donation night where we donate socks, underwear, hats, coats, etc. Maybe make a holiday tunnel with lights and they would get hot cocoa or candy canes. Sarah Terry: maybe have a day to learn about how someone celebrates the holidays differently than you. We need to be careful to do it COVID friendly.

Teacher Wish Lists:

Teacher Christmas Gift/Lunch/etc. Teachers will be given lunch the first day after they come back from the holiday break. Ideas for gifts: Stock the Staff Room (with foods and sanitizer, etc.), Let us know if you're interested in helping.

Amazon Smile: Spread the word to use it.

World's Famous Chocolate: We cannot return anything we buy. We shouldn't have the kids return any unsold chocolate. Do we still want to do this? Benefit: People can spend as little as they want. Most people like chocolate: Disadvantages: Lose money on the chocolate that we can't return, people are sick of the same fundraiser chocolates. What other ideas do you have? Sponsoring for something like a read-a-thon, or walk a thon, etc. Sell wrapping paper and greeting cards, Service in exchange for a donation, etc.

Principal Report: Thank you for the gifts. Cindy and Lisa appreciated that. Soar tickets are really helping! Every few months they will do a reward party to the grade who has the highest soar ticket count. Thousands of tickets have been passed out. It's really working well. A lot of parents love that they are doing a student of the month. Each teacher submits 2 students: 1 for academics and 1 for behavior. They are also picking two staff members and two teachers each month. Kami suggests letting the parents know the reason the student received the reward for student of the month. They are making a wall in the main hallway to display the students pictures with their own choice of background. They have a bingo going on with all the staff that works at Calvin Smith and then they do activities for teachers: tie dye, yoga class, etc. This is helpful for supporting the teachers during this time.

Next Meeting: December 2nd at 9:30am

Signature: *Lora Wright*