

Calvin Smith PTA Agenda and Minutes

Tuesday, December 2, 2020 (9:30am- 10:30am)

Calvin Smith Elementary School



Members Present: Lora W, Megan R, Kami H, Sarah Terry, Lisa McDonald, Andrea Chan, Stephanie Proud, Cyndi Beck, Megan O'bannon, Kylie Roberts

Members Excused: None

Conducting/Treasurer Report/Approval of Minutes: Kami-Lisa McDonald Approved and Sarah Terry Seconds

Business:

Teacher Grants:

1st Grade-VanGorder: 1st Grade Team: VanGorder “The first grade team is in need of more paper. We were caught off guard when we added distance learners to our classroom. We feel that six year old children need experience with pencil/paper activities to learn to write and develop motor skills. This has caused the need to run packets for distance learners and we are going through much more paper than expected. Paper will be ordered through the warehouse and will cost about \$135.”

1st grade has received \$625 for scholastic Books and \$80 for paper. Total \$705.

Lora Motions to approve, Andre Chan Seconds.

2nd Grade- Korous: 2nd Grade Korous: “The grant money will be used to purchase two sets of stacking stools that I can easily stack and put away. They are also made of plastic, which will allow for easy cleaning in between uses. With these stacking stools, I will be able to continue to meet comfortably (we have been sitting on the floor) with students in small groups to differentiate instruction that is driven by exit ticket data, DIBELS scores, core phonics assessments, etc. This will benefit students because they will continue to receive support that is specific for their learning needs. I will also be able to use these stools in the future as a flexible seating option. This will benefit students by allowing them the opportunity to learn in a way that is comfortable for him/her, which will lead to them staying more focused during the day. Total is about \$116”

2nd Grade has not requested grant money yet.

Megan Rowley Motions to approve and Lora seconds.

Report Volunteer Hours: Please Email the PTA Volunteer Hours for November

PTA Art Grant: We were awarded \$500 by Utah PTA for an Art Grant. The money will be used to purchase bells for a bell choir. This is a matching grant so our PTA will also spend \$500. No bell choir this year because of COVID. But we look forward to a bell choir in the future.

Review:

Spirit Night at Fiiz: This was really successful and they said we can always come back.

Patriotic Week: Went well.

Thankful Bingo: We had 41 kids participate in thankful bingo. Almost all of them did a blackout. They received a thanksgiving theme goodie bag.

Teacher Appreciation: We provided the staff mini pies with a note that told them we were so thankful for them. They were very grateful. Lisa said thank you for the teachers so much.

Maturation: Info sent out through bloomz to 5th and 6th graders plus goodie bags. All virtual

Reflections: 100 entries. Council will let the winners know who won through email and they will provide a slideshow. Council Awards will be 100% virtual. There is discussion on displaying pieces in city locations.

Spirit Wear Sales: We will keep memberhub store open year round for orders.

Emergency Prep Boxes: All the boxes have been made uniform and updated. So grateful for donations that allowed us to get all the things. Teachers were all very grateful! We have gotten a good amount of supplies in these boxes. In years to come we feel like we will only have to add snacks. Last year's snacks are given to the kids to eat this year and they were excited about that.

Calvin Smith Bloomz Account: Check your email for an invitation, we can invite you again, or **the code is Z28RUD**

Upcoming Events:

Spirit Night at Wendy's: Wendy's 6828 S Redwood Rd, West Jordan, UT 84084: Wednesday December 9th from 6:30 AM - 11 PM. Mention Calvin Smith Spirit Night at checkout and a portion of the proceeds will go to our PTA. Funds are used for family enrichment activities, teachers, and students support. You can order on any platform.

Stock the School 12/15: December Donation Drive - Monday, December 14th from 6 to 7:30 PM. Drive up and drop off donations. You can also donate using our AmazonSmile Charity Wish List. All who come will receive a hot cocoa kit and promo code for 20% off Christmas in Color in South Jordan. If you want to help collect donations and pass out kits, let us know. <https://bit.ly/StockTheSchool2020> This is going to be a combination of a family enrichment activity and a donation drive for the school because it is so much in need this year.

Teacher Christmas Gift/Lunch/etc: Teacher's Favorite things will be emailed out and posted on bloomz. Kami has filled in the blanks of the teachers wish list and you can also view a lot of what the teachers want on the amazon wish list. You can not donate cash donations on the amazon wish list but you can donate that way through the memberhub.

Looking Ahead:

Teacher and Staff Awards: We need to have these done by January. If you are willing to write a letter for Mrs. Harker or Mrs. Mills let us know and we will provide more details and date.

Spirit Night at Cafe Zupas: January 26th

Brain Week: It will be held the 2nd Week in January. It's only a 4 day week-3 days in school. Meagan O'bannon is heading this up.

Support Group: The state suggested a support group. We don't need a mental health group but it might be good to have a parent connect group and discuss different topics over zoom that parents may need. Topic Idea successful distance learning tips. Meagan will head up the support group.

Mental Health Focus Tips: We could do a one time thing for mental health support and they volunteered to help us. Mental Health tip on social media on Mondays as well as brain week in January

Chinese New Year: February 12th this year. They may send bags home.

Fundraiser: The responsible thing to do is postpone this particular fundraiser until next year but will keep them in mind for next year. We have been sent a couple creative "no fuss" fundraisers and we will see how it goes. If you have an idea for an incentive please let us know. This will be in the spring.

Principal Report:

- SOAR Tickets positive response and as of today we've handed out 5,000 tickets. They put prizes in the cart because they are going through them fast. 17th will be a festive shirt day.
- Student of the Month photo board is up and it's really cute. Announcing all the winners tomorrow for soar tickets for November. Mrs McDonald says former pictures will be sent home with the students. They will do a facebook live sing a long near Christmas. The staff will do a similar thing to add to the song. This year is having to be so creative!!!
- Open Positions at Calvin Smith
 - List of Lunch and Recess substitutes are always needed
- Qtr 3 learning Option Request Forms due Dec 11th

- Beginning Dec 7th Friday breakfast/lunch will be distributed on Thursday afternoon.
 - School meals are free until we dismiss for Winter Recess.
- Open Enrollment opened Dec 1 - Feb 19th
 - Important for new kindergarteners and 5th or 6th moving up to Bennion Jr High

Next Meeting: January 6th at 9:30am

Signature: *Lora Wright*