

## ***Marshall PTO Meeting***

### ***Meeting held by Zoom***

Monday April 4, 2022 7:00 pm

Attendees: Margaret Montgomery, Mariela Tellez, Kris Bock, Sarah Hwang- Lui, Kristi J. Perreault, Kasia Wilson, Jackie Feser, Susan Townsend, Diane Stinson, Cynthia Cole, Nicole Zezzo.

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm

Minutes from the March meeting were available for review. The minutes for this meeting will be posted on the website for all members.

- **Welcome-** Review and approve minutes from the March meeting. Motion done by Kristi Perreault and Mrs. Townsend seconded.
  
- **PTO Report- Mariela Tellez**
  1. Introductions, welcome remarks.
  
- **Principal's Report -Dr. Bock**
  1. Dr. Bock indicated she is looking forward to the Boosterthon Fun Run (rescheduled due to weather). Thank you to Diane Stinson for chairing this event and doing an excellent job! Looking forward to partnering with Boosterthon again in the future. The Character Development activities were key to the success!
  
  2. If the Fun Run is moved indoors, it will be a Glow Stick Run in the gym. The runs will be performed during the Encore time for each grade. The school and Boosterthon are still working through the details regarding the additional need for volunteers to assist with providing teachers with their opportunity for lunch. Because the event will be in the gym, the students will need to eat lunch in the classrooms. If parent volunteers are in the classroom to cover lunch, the classroom doors will be open. Also there are TAs and TTAs that can assist but more volunteers will be needed.
  
  3. Dr. Bock indicated that she hopes to have the playground and white top updates in process soon. There is a process that needs to be followed, PWCS approved vendors must be used, etc.
  
  4. Dr. Bock provided an update on the Book Fair. She discussed the book fair graphic that Ms. Haggerty had provided. It was a successful book fair - \$3500 to be kept by the school - will be put into the library. Additionally, \$1680 Scholastic dollars to be used through their website. Ms. Haggerty plans to wait until next year to redeem the funds due to supply shortages. MANY families attended Family Night - \$8000 made on that evening! In this past year, the library has purchased \$2759.11 in materials from Bound

to Say Bound, \$2899.79 from Titlewave, and \$812 Scholastic Dollars redeemed at the book fair.

5. Dr. Bock also indicated that the school would like to mention that there is a need for a quality set of folding chairs for events - to include the storage carts. The cost for 350 chairs would be about \$7000.

- **Treasurer's Report- Jen Walczak**

Report will be available to the public on the PTO website in the upcoming weeks. Jen Walczak reviewed the current account status, expenditures, and some projected costs and income.

- **Committee Reports-Mariela Tellez**

**Spiritwear** continues to be available on our Square Store.

**Boosterthon** Update - Diane Stinson- To date, the Boosterthon had raised \$26500 in donations plus \$2200 from Corporate sponsors. The donation pages are still open through the Fun Run.

Teachers were provided a \$10 for Book Fair as an incentive to attend the Fun Run. Although the Fun Run was postponed and potentially will be indoors, we hope that the teachers will still participate.

Ten classrooms/teachers reached the 80% registration goal for the Boosterthon website. Kindergarten was the first to reach that goal so the team will receive lunch.

Also the class that raises the most funds will receive a Chick-Fil-A lunch.

### **Gardening Update – Mrs. Cole**

Mrs. Cole provided an update regarding the efforts for the garden and greenhouse. She presented a 3 year plan and a proposal for PTO to provide funds for \$3500 work (in the current year) that the county would need to do to bring water and electricity to the greenhouse location. The current planned location is next to the cage area where the teachers currently park.

Master Gardners will come out in April to discuss to plan for what to plant and when. Grade level boxes would potentially be outside the First Grade hallway.

Currently the school receives \$1800 stipend yearly as part of Mrs. Cole's work as the Sustainability Coordinator. These funds can be used in future years for the garden expenses and efforts. The goal is to integrate the garden into the classroom materials in every grade. Every classroom covers life cycle and could benefit from seeing both flowers or vegetables throughout the growth process. School gardens have also been studied and shown to de-escalate stress in children.

### **New Business - Mariela Tellez**

Mariela Tellez indicated a plan for the PTO and the school to partner in the development of a committee to assist in the Playground improvements.

### **Elections**

Margaret Montgomery was elected for an additional 2 year term as Vice President of the PTO.

Jen Walczak was elected for an additional 2 year term as Treasurer of the PTO.

Mariela Tellez reminded all attendees that 3 of the 4 existing board members have children that will be aging out of Marshall in the next year or two. As a result, we very much need additional volunteers to become involved in the PTO. The PTO is asking the school and teachers to promote the PTO or recommend parents that might be interested in getting more involved with the PTO. Without volunteers for the Board, the PTO would be unable to continue.

### **Chorus Request**

Mrs. Riechers outlined a request to have the PTO support a Chorus t-shirt fundraiser to support a Ukulele library and the purchase of Rosin. The PTO indicated that county policy regarding the previously approved fundraisers would need to be reviewed but an answer would be provided in a few days.

Mariela Tellez reviewed upcoming events and thanked all staff members and volunteers for their efforts regarding Boosterthon.

- **Upcoming Events**

- Spring Break- No School Students and Teachers April 11-15, 2022
- Holiday- (School and Offices closed) May 3, 2022
- Teacher Appreciation Week May 2-6, 2022
- National Nurses Day May 6, 2022
- Memorial Day Holiday- (School and Offices closed) May 30, 2022
- 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony & Picnic June 14, 2022
- Last Day of School June 15, 2022

- **Adjournment-** Mariela Tellez

Kristi Perreault made a motion and Mrs. Riechers seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.