

## January General PTA Meeting

Jan 26, 2021 09:15 AM

### Agenda/Notes:

#### 1. Principal Reports

##### Lyon - Kevin Dorken:

- LY staff are so excited to have children in person!
- Parents are doing well getting self-assessment complete each morning.
- Benchmark assessments starting next week.
- Plans underway for 2<sup>nd</sup> great show, earlier than usual and online virtual performance.
- Thank PTA for treats last week.

##### PR - Erik Friedman:

- Thanks to PTA for treats last week, great way to start the week.
- Had 1st SEL data day, look for reading and math data to look for trends for children that may need more support.
- Panorama assessment is SEL assessment this year. Fascinating data. Sat with teachers and psychologists to review this data, and excited about the amount of data in this area. Allowing staff to continue doing good work looking and Social and Emotional status of students, due to kids being under another level of stress this year during the pandemic. Kids are missing "normal" school and results showed this.
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade music and drama show virtually "PR's Got Talent." Kids submit 3 min videos through zoom with a partner or individually. Kids are already submitting videos to teachers. Complete project will go out sometime in April, after spring break is the hope for final product. Kids are excited!

#### 2. Kids Heart Challenge - Emilie and Danielle:

- \$36,012 was raised for the AHA is inspiring. The school is looked at nation wide within this organization. This is more shocking because the day of the event was the day the world shut down 3/13/2020.
- Purpose of program is: *How many students can take a challenge to stay healthy?* In this day and age, this program wants to make staying healthy cool! Donations are secondary and optional.
- Lifetime amount school raised is over a million dollars.
- Played a video on purpose of AHA program, the students see this video during the kick-off. "Why We Do What We Do."
- AHA Program laid off employees and cut staff, so research dollars were not cut
- In July AHA gave 2.5 million dollars to COVID research. COVID is affecting people with sick hearts more, and also creating heart issues for those with healthy hearts.
- Shared chart on what AHA is doing for COVID, will share with Crosbie so we can share with families.
- Students will be encouraged to complete Heart Hero Challenges in PE.
- Social and Emotional focused this year due to pandemic.
- Families are encouraged to move together.
- Program kicks off on Friday 1/29/21.
- Three challenges: 1. Moving more 2. Choosing water 3. Be Kind

- Once challenge is complete each student gets wristband.
- School goal is to raise \$36,000 this year.
- Eric and Megan will get slimed virtually if fundraising goal of \$36,000 is met.
- AHA humbled by support but understand if families are unable to donate this year.
- If 448 students enroll in challenge slime PE teachers virtually.
- If 280 students enroll, school gets \$500 donated from AHA.
- Danielle asked if students could have Heart Challenge app on their iPads to get them more engaged and participate more when they can access it. Eric will explore and check logistics with the District.

### 3. Board Reports

**President- Recap of BOE PTA Presentation:** Crosbie screen shared to show Venn Diagram about GEF, PTA, Gelfand to show how we work together and what we do differently. PTA funds are going directly going to LY/PR. GEF and Gelfand funds go to district. Crosbie shared 5-year PTA Expenses: \$667,982.84 has been raised from families within the community.

#### **VP Room Parents - Update of Snack Drive, where do we still need volunteers:**

- Kate shared that most slots to donate snacks are filled for 90% LY and 82% for PR. Anticipate slots filled, more families sign up each day.
- Erik Friedman shared that room parents may not volunteer in the classroom for upcoming Valentine's Day. Please let room parents know this to plan and be prepared in advance for any Valentine's Day activities. No Valentine's Day cards are allowed due to pandemic restrictions and to stay safe.
- Meade W. suggested sharing the PTA dollar info to the community in the newsletter for parents to have something tangible to connect contributions to. Crosbie's plans at February PTA meeting are to do a more in-depth presentation of funds, and then send out this information to parents. Meade offered to help to get information out.

#### **VP Community Engagement - Recap of Flavour Pot, upcoming dining out night:**

- Andrea shared cooking class was fun and families enjoyed this experience. Create more virtual family activities. Possible family work out event coming up to get kids moving. Also do a "Blended Day" from the smoothie restaurant across from GV Library. Will give back 10% to PTA. Middy Mag's fundraiser coming later this month.

#### **Treasurer - Where we stand, PTA Grant 2020 recap:**

- Beena shared we started the year at \$131,000 and are currently left with \$92,000 which some of that money going to school supplies and that goes directly to the schools.
- Incoming PTA funds for next school year \$48,000.
- All grants are paid except for one with a total of \$113,000 not including one more to be paid.
- \$200,700 net income for this year.
- Significant loss of money due to decrease in membership. Erik shared schools infusing positive energy to PTA next year to get more members.

Erik appreciates PTA being supportive to families regarding fundraisers during time of pandemic.

**Virtual Spring Book Fair - Niki Van Vuren:**

- Niki spoke to contact at Anderson Books, who will send everything to school and help organize. they give us marketing tools.
- If we sell \$3000 and up PTA gets 25% in total sales in cash, and if we sell less than \$3000 PTA gets 20% of total sales.
- Need to clarify dates and can then complete contract.
- Date of delivery is most important to plan for space. May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> currently. This runs into staff appreciation. Is this an issue if we overlap? Erik shared if this is virtually can do the 1<sup>st</sup> two weeks of May 3-14<sup>th</sup>. Week of 5/17 could arrange volunteers who self-assess to be able get purchased books to classroom teachers.
- Dawn shared 2 weeks would be great amount of time.
- Will run for 10-14 days: May 3-24, 2021.
- Delivery date week of 5/17/2021.
- Danielle S asked how we can inspire the students to buy books. Niki shared there is a way for teachers to share virtual wish lists. Will also ask Ms. Storie to help gets students inspired. Tara shared Ms. Storie does story time and highlighted books to help students get excited. Danielle shared maybe Ms. Storie can visit books clubs. Erik shared Ms. Storie can help to inspire virtual opportunities possibly 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May.
- \$5386 raised in fall for book fair.
- Niki will complete contract and get more information from Crosbie later about details.

4. **Webinars for the schools that address SEL or building community:** Does anyone have virtual SEL ideas, reach out to principals or Crosbie.
- Planning virtual assemblies for each school with S/E focus or any way to encourage a community builder. Email principals and PTA.

**\*Need a 5<sup>th</sup> grade picnic chair.** Keep this in mind and ask around to fill this role.

*Ended 10:12am.*

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