

General PTA Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2024
9:30am, Google Meet

Becky Thorn called the meeting to order at 9:30am

Executive Board Attendees: Becky Thorn, Jon Guerrero, Eileen Siddiqi, Jackie Milligan, Amy Gunderson

General Attendees: Michele Cesario, Roger Jones, Kelly Moscickis, Matthew Shipley, Kristina Guerrero, Laurie Donahue, Stephanie Greenwald, Rachel Witkowski, Priya Muthukaruppan, Matt Cesario, Danielle Weston, Leigh Corbell, Jen Zea

Welcome to the Last Meeting of the Year!

Presentation of "Safer Stronger 204" Funding Proposal

- The presentation hasn't been voted on or discussed at board meetings – will be voting on this at the board meeting in August. Hoping to educate the community and looking for community feedback. If approved by the board in August, it will be included on the November ballot.
- Reference "Safer, Stronger 204" on D204 website:
<https://www.ipisd.org/saferstronger204>
- Facility Needs: Building are hitting milestones of needing critical repairs to roofs/doors/etc., put together facility plan after review of all buildings to address updates needed, also in need of addressing main entrances for security, classrooms and building interiors also in need of updates.
- Operational Needs: Average class size is larger than comparable districts, need additional counseling/mental health services.
- Funding Proposal & Benefits: After 2026 there would be a 7% reduction in tax once bonds are paid off for D204.
- Last referendum was 18 years ago in 2006 when Metea Valley High School was approved to be built.

Fundraiser Updates

- McTeacher Night is tonight 5/9!
- IPEF – Graham has the largest team registered for the district!

Open Committee Chairs For 2024-25

- Butter Braid Fundraiser – time frame is October-December
- Spiritwear- manage 2 roll outs – 1 in Fall & 1 in Winter
- Project Arrow PTA Representative – quarterly when they have meetings

Restaurant Nights

- \$89.52 was raised from Lou Malnati's restaurant fundraiser
- Over \$100 earned on Noodles restaurant night
- May 30th: Last restaurant event at Yogurt Beach, 30% goes back to Graham

School Supply Kits

- We are at 106 items ordered so far, last year was 107 total, so this is a great start!

Staff Appreciation Week (5/6-5/10)

- Under budget for this committee
- Vai's lunch is being catered today for teachers
- Snack cart will visit the teachers tomorrow
- Lots of sponsorships covering food this week

Field Day (5/17)

- Rain date is 5/24
- Sign ups for volunteers are going well and popsicles are ready

Fifth Grade Farewell (5/28-Field Trip & 5/31-Picnic & Clap Off)

- Everything is on track and in the works for the 5/28 field trip and 5/31 picnic and clap off

You've Been Booked Program

- LMC additional funding requested for this program, \$1,500 to fully fund this proposal
- Percentage of overall PTA budget to LMC would be 17-19%
- In the past, we have gotten funding from grants. That's not an option this year, so we are trying to pull funding or partial funding from PTA budget.
- This is a yearly program that needs funding

Mrs. Witkowski's Update

- Registration is open – please get your kids registered for next school year, color changing cups will be given out to all students who get registered early
- Teacher/staff appreciation week has been so amazing – thank you for all of your efforts!
- Go Falcons week coming up with kindness day, spirit day and sports day – look out for info in News from the Nest
- Memorials in the works – Emily Chen & Quinn Folisi
 - Emily Chen rock garden will be started and rocks will be decorated and placed in a garden behind the school
 - Quinn Folisi playground structure dedication with vinyl wrap
 - Playground reveal and Quinn's dedication would be great to coordinate
- Meet & Greet for next school year is Monday, August 19th
 - Will be at 2:30pm with PTA popsicle social following that
 - First day of school for K-5 is August 22nd

Questions?

Closing

Meeting adjourned at 10:33am