

PTO Meeting Notes

11/11/24

Principle Update

- **Blue Ribbon School Process** – We are working to become a Blue Ribbon School. We have engaged a consultant to help us through the process. The consultant has evaluated the school and has already awarded us a “Lighthouse Award”, which means our school is doing exceptionally well across the key criteria needed to become a Blue Ribbon School. Next step is for us to formally apply to become a Blue Ribbon School. More to come soon.
- **Winter Concerts Coming Up**

October Review & November Initiatives

- **Pumpkin Chuck** – Big success. The core team is meeting to look for new ways to improve for future years and what wonderful things to retain year over year.
- **Kroger** – Donating climbing wall for new gym, it has been ordered and will be installed soon.
- **Garden Project** – Pursuing a school garden on campus. The space is on the west side of the property, near the expansion/toward Zumstein. Already engaged some of the classes for ideas with the students. We’ve engaged Winberg to help design a master plan and it will be up to us to implement the plan. Design will be circulated in early December.
- **Daddy Daughter Dance Feb 23** – Mark your calendars!

Fundraising Update

- **Big fundraising month with multiple fundraisers (see below)**
- **Fundraising Events Coming Up**
 - The Acres: Lighted Walk (Nov 12-14) – see newsletter/social
 - Currito Restaurant Day/Night (Nov 19) – see newsletter
 - Dewey’s Restaurant Night (Dec 16) – see newsletter
 - The Little Gym Open House (Dec 6) – see newsletter

Financials Update

- **Revenue/Money Made**
 - **Read-A-Thon:** Goal was \$24k, Raised \$26,400
 - **Book Fair:** Goal was \$10k, we sold \$16,300. Netting ~\$4k for PTO
 - **Pumpkin Chuck:** Goal \$12k, ended up with over \$14k
- **Expenses**
 - More field trips are being paid for
 - Some replacement printers/supplies for STEAM lab

Athletics Update

- Basketball started last week – working through learnings in the gym
 - K-1st doing something different, 2 K teams, 2 1st grade teams. Doing tournament at the end
 - Pre-Season basketball tournament is coming up this weekend
 - Home games for basketball will be at Silverton School
- Dec 6th – UC Basketball Women’s Game
- Working through logistics of more cheerleading
- For spring sports, registration will begin in January
- Boosters were able to provide all new scooters for gym class
- Still working through bleachers for gym

Volunteering

- Next major event is Field Day – May 16th
- Small things will pop up here and there

DEI

- Re-send survey this year to get a pulse on demographics, identify gaps to determine how team can support
- Committee partnering with Jill to do school outreach – Black History Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, etc.
- Hoping to partner with new school resource coordinator for parent education nights

LSDMC

- Hired new resource coordinator, starts tomorrow!
- CRC updates:
 - New Eastside Rec center is close to being open
 - Evaluating having more aftercare at the new rec center site (possibly in early 2025)
- Nov 19 – 2:30 is next meeting, all are welcome