

Exploris General PTO Meeting November 12, 2013

Meeting called to order at 1:30 pm by PTO President Cheryl Rodgers.

Members in attendance: Cheryl Rodgers, Lisa Padgett, Shea Cleveland, Kristen Poirier, Laura Corder, David Wisz, Lisa Harris, Karen Warr, Susan Bostian

Budget Review

Revenue and Expenses to date was reviewed. Projected Budget for the 2013-2014 School year is \$98,200.00. The total amount of gross income as of November 12 meeting was \$57,197.00. The total expenditures paid out through November 12 were \$45,224.00. Total net income to date is \$11,973.00.

Past Event Review

Members were updated on the Box Tops contest which was won by the 8th grade, and will celebrate with cupcakes. A total of 5,407 box tops were submitted.

The 7th Grade DonorsChoose Document Camera Project was able to raise \$547.00.

Upcoming Events and New Business Review

Soap Sales

Orders are complete and delivery date 12/13/13.

Spirit Wear orders due November 15th. Color choice with the order of long sleeved tees.

Exploris Craft Fair sponsored by Exploris is Sunday, November 24th, 12pm - 4 pm.

Expressions Day Food Drive on December 12th- Large Cans are preferred. Students are asked to bring cans to school on that day.

Lunch Orders

Tropical Smoothie Café will replace Jimmie Johns lunches for Monday effective the second quarter.

Will continue with Moe' s and Pizza during the second semester.

Second semester lunches will begin on Monday, January 27, 2014.

Teacher' s Appreciation Event

Teacher' s Appreciation is proposed for the week of February 24 - 28, 2014, but this may change based on staff availability.

Frolic Event

The date of the Frolic will be March 21, 2014.

Spring Dance in May is projected for May 16 (first choice) or May 9 (second choice)

Venus for the dance is Knights of Columbus in Raleigh, and the hall holds 150 people.

Cost is \$100.00 per hour with a cleanup fee of \$250.00. There is a \$250.00 security deposit which is refundable. The deposit as well as 1/3 of the cost is due to book.

Food is an additional cost. The recommended food to be served is pizza, and cookies, with water and lemonade as the drinks.

Our objective is to keep the entry fee to the dance under \$10.00.

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Principal Updates

Exploris Showcase:

Summer stated there would be no Exploris Showcase in January, but the school is planning for a spring showcase. Parents will be able to tour the building and view museum style displays of the students' work.

Current lottery is email based, but for the future, the school is considering going to a number system. Potential students and families would be able to go to the website and see which numbers made it, and which numbers was placed on the waiting list.

Expansion Update:

The school is moving ahead with plans for expansion, but this process is long, so the school is considering the Old Salvation Army building as a possible temporary elementary school site. Exploris will submit an application to the State for a K-5 charter school.

EOG Updates:

| Exploris versus WCPSS | Reading | Math | Science |
|--------------------------------|---------|------|---------|
| Exploris 6 th Grade | 77.6 | 76.1 | N/A |
| WCPSS 6 th Grade | 55.5 | 51 | |
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| Exploris 7 th Grade | 81.8 | 77.3 | N/A |
| WCPSS 7 th Grade | 56.4 | 50.7 | |
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| Exploris 8 th Grade | 80.6 | 89.6 | 94 |
| WCPSS 8 th Grade | 50.2 | 42 | 69.9 |

No meeting is scheduled for December 2013. The next meeting will take place on February 11, 2014 at the Church of the Good Shepherd from 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm. Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.