

Exploris General PTO Meeting October 8, 2013

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

Officers in attendance: Cheryl Rodgers, Laura Corder, Lisa Harris, Lisa Padgett, Michele W. Horton, Shea Cleveland

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 through October 7, 2013 was \$20,954.00. The total expenditures paid out through October 7, 2013 were \$8,193.00. Total net income to date is \$12,762.00.

Teacher classroom fund usage was on the agenda for discussion, but was tabled to the next meeting.

Past Event Review

Members were updated on the events that have already occurred during the 2013/2014 school year. These events were the Fall Picnic, Staff Luncheon, Handyman Workday (9/28/13), Box tops/Labels First Count, and the Dance held at PNC Arena. All activities had positive reviews, but there was discussion given in reference to the Fall Picnic being on Sunday, and the dance being on Saturday versus Friday. After a brief discussion it was determined that the Fall Picnic on Sunday, and the dance on Saturday was acceptable by the majority.

The school directory is online under contacts in the PTO blog.

Upcoming Events and New Business Review

Soap Sales

The official ordering dates for soap sales will be 10/28/2013 through 11/5/2013. An attempt to send an electronic ordering form over the fall break will be made, but a hard copy form will be sent home on October 28, 2013, and will be due back by November 5th. The deadline for the vendor to guarantee the order before the Winter break is 11/13/2013.

The committee had not selected the winner of the soap art as of this meeting, but winners will be notified as soon as they do. A recommendation to have the winning art work and student artist published in the yearbook was also made.

Lunch Orders

Tropical 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.

Frolic Event

The date of the Frolic will be March 21, 2014 due to Marbles not being available in February or early March. This will be the last Friday before Spring Break.

Teacher's Appreciation Event

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Teacher's Appreciation is proposed for the week of February 10, 2014, but this may change based on staff availability.

Spirit Wear

Orders for spirit wear are due by November 15, 2013. The members voted for any color t-shirt to be ordered, but lettering color on the t-shirts, regardless of t-shirt color would be the same.

Expression Day

Discussion of Expression Day was tabled to next meeting to allow Cheryl time to discuss it with Summer since Summer was unable to attend this meeting.

Principal Updates

Cheryl gave a brief overview of the Principal Updates for Summer, but recommended that specific questions be directed to Summer. They included:

Math Curriculum Night

Pass the Hat

Expansion Updates

- Moving ahead with plans to secure Stone's Warehouse from the City of Raleigh.
 - One Year or more to renovate
- Transitional Space to house elementary school in the interim for 180 – 200 students
 - To accommodate families with upper age elementary age students, Exploris is considering a K-5 with a combined multi-grade class in the upper grades.
 - 2014/2015 school year snapshot
 - 60 students in kindergarten
 - 60 students in 1st grade
 - 20 students per grade level in a 2nd/3rd grade combined class with 2 teachers
 - 20 students per grade level in a 4th/5th grade combined class with 2 teachers
 - 2015/2016 school year snapshot
 - 60 students in kindergarten
 - 60 students in 1st grade
 - 20 students each in two 2nd grade classes
 - 20 students per grade level in a 2nd/3rd grade combined class with 2 teachers
 - 20 students per grade level in a 4th/5th grade combined class with 2 teachers
 - 2016/2017 school year
 - 60 students in kindergarten
 - 60 students in 1st grade
 - 60 students in 2nd grade
 - 60 students in 3rd grade
 - 20 students per grade level in a 4th/5th grade combined class with 2 teachers

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12th at 1:30 pm.