

PTO Meeting 4-2-2019

- Thank yous
 - Auction-Big thanks to Lisa Manning and Amy Aiken!
 - Grounds Workday-Thanks to Tricia Johnson for organizing!
 - Staff Appreciation Lunch-Thank you to Sherry Martin and Michelle Gray! Great job!
- 2019 Spring Teacher Mini-Grant Applications (cap on mini grant is \$200 for individual; \$300 for group grant)

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 -Kindergarten Social and Emotional Learning Books
 -Emotional resiliency and social cohesiveness and books **TOTAL \$1,521.16**
 21 books

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- Molly Peeples for 4th/5th (larger request than mini-grant criteria) ~\$1000 to assess beyond upper limits of mClass. System for teachers to progress monitor reading and comprehension similar to mClass, but exceeding the levels of mClass.
- Drum residency still needs ~\$2k. Mr. Edwards can pull some student activities money for this but doesn't know how much until pays for last part of 5th field trip. Mr. Butler went back and noted that Ms. Olson and he agreed in the fall that they would forfeit mini grants (\$400) plus \$2k from art experiences plus \$4k from CO art fund and small amount from music fund and then remainder of \$1800 needed (some could come from leftover student activities and auction and some could be a small student fee). Costs \$4800 per year to do drum residency project. Could we allocate this year's auction funds to cover this year's needs and also pay forward for next year's drum residency so we know that it is covered? We will know how much student activities money remains immediately after spring break.
- Emphasizing need to stick to mini-grant guidelines for fairness and clarity. Is there a different path for larger requests from staff to be considered by the PTO? Can be considered under curriculum perhaps.
- Auction money - is money earmarked? No, none of our monies are earmarked.
- All mini-grants approved. Amanda P motioned, Gary P seconded. (See page 4.)
- Can we consider allocating money in advance for snacks for Homework Club for next year? Ashley Israel said we can cover amount. \$140 for 9 weeks. (Needs to be included at beginning of next year)
- Treasurer's Report
 - Book Fair - \$500-\$600 in vouchers.
 - Auction - uncollected cash and cash in cash box that is uncounted. This does not include those monies. We've collected over \$19,000. \$5k from PayPal, \$13k from Square, \$3k remains uncollected. Considering expenses, we probably made about \$21k. And we have another installment of the online auction coming later this week (so more money). Some of this money was earmarked specifically for SJL (~\$300).
 - \$1250 donation from C&N Railroad (parent employer that rewards non-profits when employee/employee spouse volunteers).
- Grounds
 - Claxton families and First Baptist Church helped this past Saturday, and Preferred Properties group led by parent Tracy Dew is helping tomorrow (Wednesday).

- Auction Recap
 - Online auction will reopen tomorrow.
 - Thanks from Lisa and Amy to all who helped. And thanks to them!
 - Feedback - feelings about space--great venue, layout creates challenge to get to all items/areas; in past silent auction tables had staggered end times so you can target multiple items; suggestion of having a buyout (Buy It Now) on silent auction items; confusion about silent auction end time changing; tons of great items!; number of items was great; great job on variety of price points; hot ticket items - Claxton Teacher of the Day items on live auction; do we want to consider having experience items benefit all students in a class or grade level?; hard to get everyone into live auction space; perhaps could use another set of speakers (or house speakers) so more people could participate; Masonic Temple space worked well in past (with stage); parking was challenging.
 - Any ideas for future venue?
- Nomination Committee
 - Working towards revising and filling PTO roles for next year; anyone who is interested should contact current PTO Co-Presidents or Miriam Scott (Vol Coord) at miriam.scott@acsgmail.net
 - Have new parent rep on Leader in Me Team - Julie Crosson
- Principal's Report
 - Teacher of the Year - Ms. Briggs. TOY gets \$300, ATOY gets \$200 award.
 - Water Issues - Have run water 2 days straight to try to flush system. Kids have been given bottled water.
 - District gives awards for staffing. Claxton has a staff member in final nominations for each category!
 - Mr. Edwards received great feedback from staff about auction--tons of fun!
 - Upcoming--Biltmore is coming to cafeteria to do taste tasting with kids next Tuesday; Raleigh trip 4th later this week; The day before spring break is the talent (variety) show followed by growth and development classes in 4th and 5th grades; Spring Break; Then 5th grade field trip; Then 4th grade to Cherokee; Then 2nd grade dental sealants.
 - 3rd grade Hidden Hx tour went really well. We have had 3 of 4 SJL workshops.
 - EBOB - Claxton came in 1st place today!
- Mr. Butler
 - Recent assemblies and field trips--DeWayne Barton with 3rd grade; 4th grade bagpipe; Took 5th to symphony; had school symphony visit here.
- Ms. Morgan
 - 2nd grade Orange Peel to perform Here Comes the Sun; Science center later this month.

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