

Captain PTO Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2022

Called to order at: 7:04PM

Attendees:

Lee Johnson, Mary Kaiser, Allyson Lavender, Dan Lavender, Jennifer Valentine, Abby Goldstein, Jennifer Martin, Kerith Lucco, Adam VanPelt, Katie Huffman, Jennifer Valentine, Betsy Meyland-Smith, Danielle Gant, Elizabeth Macanufo, James Macanufo, Crystal Taylor, Erin Linnenbringer, Emily Doucette, Allison King, Cheree Berry

Meeting Recording: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SG_0oMRs-JAm0VkpYOtnLemirgAagIRn/view?usp=sharing

Meeting Summary

1. Welcome

- Voting process: use "thumbs up" reaction for yes and "x" reaction for nay

2. Introductions

- Round robin introductions

3. Urgent Business

- Vote on minutes from April's meeting (approved)

4. Principal's Report

- Several recent events we were able to relaunch as occurred in past
- STEAM Night- returned this year! Wonderful turnout, thank you to STEAM team. The rockets were a favorite activity.
- Captain's Night at the Ballpark- huge success! Children did an excellent job representing us.
- Visiting Artist- had glass artist join us today. Our Art teacher met her during her own professional learning last year. Thank you to PTO for sponsoring this event. All kids had the chance to work with the glass, following safety procedures to design unique and creative artwork.
- DUO Dogs- district has partnered with these touch therapy dogs who visited us today. The kids had a wonderful time visiting. Made it to about half of the school today.
- Senior Walk-Through- had our first ever senior walk through. Former Captain kids who are graduating this year came to visit in their graduation attire. The high school prepared and sent buses to each elementary school. Brought joy and excitement. Dr. Martin had this group as her first set of 5th graders! Our Captain students made them feel welcome and celebrated. Please ask your student about this experience.
- PTO Forum Update- based on your input, we'll have these events next school year. Save the date for Aug 27th for Captain parent event in Shaw Park. We're hoping to have all of these in-person and we'll decide as the dates are closer.
 - Popsicles on the playground (back to school)

- Back to school parent event (back to school)
- International night (fall)
- BINGO (winter)
- Auction (spring)
- Garden Day (spring)
- 1 grade level bonding event (planned by grade level reps)
- New proposal: add back in the Family picnic
- Thank you PTO for the amazing cougar community T Shirts during teacher appreciation week!
- Field day is coming up on May 27th and you're welcome to come observe. Please make sure you filled out the form for your child's lunch on this day. You won't want to miss the 5th grade tug-o-war against faculty!
 - Keystage one is K-2 from 9-11am
 - Lunch from 11:15-12pm
 - 5th grade tug o war from 12-12:20pm
 - Keystage two is grades 3-5 from 12:30-2:45
 - 5th grade celebration is at 2:45
 - If you had a student who graduated and did not get their tug o war experience, then send them at 1:45 on their last day of school for this! Wydown will send out communications about this, too and we'll promote in Captain's log.
- Report cards will be available electronically this year on Friday, June 10th; will receive email from Dr. Martin
- Class lists for next year will also be posted electronically on Friday, June 10th
- Phase 2 of our security updates and renovations will occur this summer, this will mostly include glass walls and barriers that can be enacted if needed

5. Treasurer's Report

- April statement of activity – no questions

6. Fundraising Update

- Auction was successful
- 40 bricks were ordered and will be placed over the summer, proofs were sent by email to those who ordered for final confirmation

7. President's Report

- Vote on executive board for 2022-2023 - approved
- Co-presidents will remain Lee Johnson and Abby Goldstein
- Treasurer: Brock Reichart
- Secretary: Mary Kaiser and Jamie Mangels
- Communications: Allyson Lavender and Katie Huffman
- Fundraising: Alison Reichart

Needs: please let us know if you'd like to be co-fundraising chair, help with leading events like International Night, or if you have any questions about PTO!

8. Budget for 2022-2023

- Tonight we are providing awareness and answering questions
- Voting will happen in September meeting, budget will be posted on website for review
- Dr. Martin shared a proposal for student leadership training and what they've learned about students' social-emotional well-being during the pandemic
 - Captain faculty has deeply reflected on the data and recognize that students need us to respond
 - As part of school goals for next year, Captain will hire a consultant to give them specific research-based training to help with restorative practices
 - These practices promote inclusiveness, relationship-building and problem solving through proactive and restorative methods including circles
 - Student leadership training can help with the "me to we" shift and empower students to work together to develop their leadership skills
 - This training will empower 5th graders to become circle facilitators

9. Open Comments

- Thank you to all of the participants who came out for Garden Day!
- Wydown is working on seeking more veteran Clayton families to be mentors to new families joining as parent mentors; if you have a child entering 6th grade check for an email about this or reach out to Betsy Meyland-Smith or Erin Linnenbringer for more information

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM