

First PTG Meeting of 2022 - 2.2.2022

Meeting started at 7:02pm

In attendance: Shayna Eddy, Katie Gillmeister, Jocelyn Bauman, Victoria Bagu, Lisa Hall, Holly Burch, Stephen Wiltshire, Julie Flynn, Liz Spinney, Stella Dikas, Kim Dufault, Tiffany Bubriski, Beth Foley, Amanda Godbout, Kate Blinn, Tapan Desai.

- First order of business, mini grant for Kim Dufault. She is working with the students on coding through a website called coding.org and would like to enhance the program. She would like to purchase a bluebot. It's a programmable robot. The blue bot takes the coding skills to a more hands on and cooperative experience while they program a path for it to travel. The bot is \$69,99 on Amazon. She would like to purchase 3. We are offering to pay for 4 so that she has the extra one to demo or as a back up. We will also purchase batteries if not included. Lisa will take care of the purchase.

Motion to approve the mini grant by Shayna Eddy, second by Victoria Bagu. Unanimously approved.

- Review of the December meeting minutes. Victoria will revise the increase of the enrichment budget to \$500 per grade.

- Review of the treasurer's report for the month of January. We are at \$92,515 balance.

We have some box top money from the app. We will remind people also about Amazon Smile and the use of it on the app. Lisa purchased the xylophones for the mini grant approved in the last meeting.

Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Beth Foley, second by Shayna Eddy and unanimously approved.

- Holly asked who is in charge of Storyworks, the subscription for the teachers. We should double check with Kim St Ours to make sure we are not missing it.

NGES Update by Julie Flynn

NGES had a couple of enrichment programs that went really well. Clay Art and Discovery Museum were some of them. The school will be celebrating Valentine's Day and the 100th day of school. The March celebration will be Kindness themed.

Specialist Night will be postponed until spring. There are conversations about maybe holding a graduation and concert for the kids this year.

NGES is hiring a couple of parent paraprofessionals to help in some classrooms.

Ms Largesse is looking for parent support for snow shoeing and students will be taking part of the activity soon.

NSS Update by Stephen Wiltshire

NSS got the first shipment of at-home covid tests to send home with students.

Students have been sledding out in the yard during recess. Attendance had some setbacks during January but it's getting better in the last couple of weeks.

A new after school program has started for 2nd and 3rd grade to support their math skills.

MCAS will go fully back to what it used to be in the spring. Next week the special regular daily rotation will resume.

Field day will be happening this year. Mrs Lape will return after February break.

First field trip scheduled for March 8th to Patriots place. Mr Wiltshire will check with Dr Cummings to make sure this is still possible, and touch base with the teacher who is coordinating the outing.

We touched on Nature's classroom's overnight experience. NSS and MSES would be going together this year.

- Katie is updated us on upcoming fundraising events. We are wondering whether we do a pop up sledding event and hot chocolate from Dunkin'. We could possibly host it at NSS. We will discuss offline to fine-tune details.

- Fun Fair at NGES - We need to figure out who will chair the event and recruit volunteers. We also need to start collecting auction items. We usually raise about \$30,000 for this event as a whole. We don't have a date set as of yet.

- Mail chimp is up and running to be able to reach out to all our subscribers.

- Donations for teachers - Katie mentions getting a regular subscription for supplies (like coffee and hot chocolate) through Amazon. Julie says that we could do it two or three times throughout the year to keep the lounge stocked. Lisa will check the pantries to see what's needed.

Katie Blinn raised the idea of asking parents for donations of those items.

- Beth Foley mentioned that the second grade will have an author visit on March 22nd. We will be buying the books for all the second graders will be a total of around \$1,200.

We have Animal Adventures booked also for preschool and kindergarten.

- Summer Passports. We will pay for them.

Motion to approve by Lisa Hall, second by Katie Gillmeister and unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm

Motion to approve by Katie Gillmeister, second by Shayna Eddy and unanimously approved.

