



General Session Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2024 @ 6:30pm

Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions - 6:34 pm

In Attendance: Travis Hitt, Wayne Thornes, Britt Mactavish, Marisa Williams, Whitney DeMercurio, Kyle Clanney, Nicole Booker, Kevin Stearns, Heidi Habbinga

- ★ Approval of minutes - The February 2024 General Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. Britt Mactavish motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Nicole Booker seconded the motion. The motion was put to a vote and unanimously approved. The February 2024 General Meeting Minutes were approved.

Presidents' Report - Travis Hitt

- ★ Added the PTO calendar to the PTO website
 - Color coding will be added for different activities; community event, volunteering, meetings, etc
 - With links included in the calendar
 - Publicize the PTO by asking the teachers to add something about the PTO website in their class emails
- ★ Trivia Night - Nicole Booker
 - Auction raised \$8500
 - Paddle raiser for furniture is at ~\$5500
 - Mulligans bought by 18/22 teams bought, \$720
 - \$440 Thank You coffee cards sold
 - Overall net profit for PTO about \$10000
 - Feedback about the Rlo
 - The new adds were a good and went well
 - Feedback on timing of the food and communication with the caterer
 - Feedback for the bar, did not hear the request for more staff
 - Trivia game was great and the timing was nice
 - 4 people on the scoring table went well
 - Need more instruction for the volunteers and how to play the new games
 - Still figuring out how much heads and tails made
 - Even amount of auction items were bid at the event and outside the event
 - Maybe 15 people were turned away because the event filled up
 - Double the amount of wine for the wine pull donated this year

Principal's Report - Wayne Thornes

- ★ Staff is grateful for Trivia Night - they really enjoy it as well!
- ★ A lot going on at school this month!
- ★ Lip Sync this morning was a lot of fun

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- ★ Conferences going on this week
- ★ Choir concert on Wednesday night
- ★ Red Shirt Rookies
 - Unified students basketball team going on now
 - Soccer will begin after Spring Break
 - Soccer team will play against Bacon and Bauder Schools
 - Neuro-typical and Neuro-divergent students participate together
- ★ Three track for classes next year will be maintained
 - 424 students projected for enrollment
- ★ School time change survey
 - Can feedback be provided to the district?
 - Feedback given by the staff
 - No A/C at the school stops votes for going later in the day
 - Can schools with A/C go later?
 - Bus schedule and route drive the school start times
 - Minutes make a big difference for the routes
 - Pushing the time after 9 am may make the buses more crowded and AlphaBest more crowded due to the time change and parent work responsibilities.
- ★ Becky Woodcox special request
 - 450 solar glasses for \$569
 - For a solar viewing on April 8, 2024 during school
 - The request for 450 solar eclipse glasses was put to a vote. Marisa Williams motioned to approve the special request for \$569, Britt Mactavish seconded the motion. The motion was put to a vote and unanimously approved. The motion to support the purchase of 450 solar eclipse glasses for \$569 was approved.

Treasurer's Report - Marisa Williams

- ★ Income -
- ★ The account that prepares the PTO taxes went up \$300 this year.
- ★ Wayne Thornes motioned to approve the \$300 additional for accountant this year. Whitney Demecurio seconded the motion. The motion was put to a vote and unanimously approved. \$300 additional for the PTO tax accountant was approved.
- ★ Becky Woodcox is still encouraging teachers to use their classroom fund
- ★ 2024/2025 school year Budgeting will be starting this month
 - The 24/25 PTO budget needs to be approved by May

Staff Report - no update

Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities

- ★ Monday-Friday, March 4-8: [Scholastic Book Fair](#) - [Event Details](#) | [Volunteer](#)
- ★ Tuesday, March 5: PTO Conference Dinner for Teachers & Staff
 - Back up plan because there are a lot of asks going out right now. Will be organized by Britt Mactavish and Kelli Wallace
 - Taco Bar
 - Use the PTO dinner budget and Classified brunch budget for the food
- ★ Tuesday-Thursday, March 5-7: Academic Conferences
- ★ Wednesday, March 6: [G.R.A.N.D. Breakfast](#) - 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM,
 - [RSVP](#) for Breakfast!



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- ★ Monday - Friday, March 11-15: Spring Break - NO SCHOOL
- ★ Wednesday, March 20: [Family Night @ Chipotle](#) - [Download Flyer](#)
- ★ Monday, April 1: Spring Enrichment Begins - Weekly 3:30-4:30 PM on M/T/W/Th

Breakouts

- ★ End/Beginning of Year
 - Board positions - what do we need to fill
 - Start putting out requests for the open board posts and committee positions
 - Voting for positions will happen at the May meeting
- ★ Star Stampede
 - Proposing a digital donation option on the information form and envelope
 - Need to ask teachers if they are okay to manage by class or by grade?
 - Event is Friday, April 26th
 - Advertise with TownSquare
 - Add spot for the committee to fill for next year

Meeting Adjourned 7:30 pm

Next meeting: April 8th