

Parleys Park Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2020

8:15 am

1. Welcome (Caitlin Bognaski)
 - Approved and seconded minutes from November meeting
2. EATS Composting Program (Graham Pickett)
 - Pilot composting program in schools
 - Would have cafeteria staff separate compostable, put of signs in the cafeteria for collection (bulk of waste comes from the cafeteria), use onsite “earth machines”
 - Student involvement by incorporating into curriculum, provide leadership opportunities
 - EATS can provide onsite education, volunteer coordination, use compost in garden
 - EATS needs support in the classroom, volunteers to sort compostable material, assist with getting the cafeteria staff on board
 - Future endeavors - use of an industrial food composter, daily collection of compost, coordination with other composting efforts (e.g. Wild Harvest), transition to a student run program
 - PTA consider making an EATS Liaison / Greenhouse position
3. 2020-2021 PTA Board Nomination Process
 - Everyone on the board has been here for two years, so bylaws require new people take over positions - reach out if interested or if you know anyone interested
 - Would like to have new members in place by April to enable a smooth transition
 - Will also look at committee positions at that time
4. PTA Committee Updates:
 - Yearbook
 - Submitted cover
 - Need teachers to submit photos and looking to involve the students in the process
 - More info out next month
 - Volunteer assistance to identify who has ordered
 - Science Fair
 - 50 projects entered right now
 - Need judges (will be done by noon), will get a free lunch
 - Pre-K can enter under K
 - District showcase for 5th graders to screen that appropriate to go to regional fair in SLC
 - Teacher Conferences
 - Need volunteers for conference weeks (Feb. 10-14th)
 - Will send sign-up for 30 minutes shifts throughout the week (7:45/10:30/2:45)
 - Running with Ed
 - If interested in planning committee, kickoff will be in the next few weeks

- Plan transition and make the school look good
 - Brandi Connolly is point of contact
 - Budget update
 - Three teachers in conference in Miami, will present on what learned next month
 - Sending Jen Wheelright and Brian Kretschmar to continuing ed conferences
 - Buying 18 strider bikes for pre-k, K, and after school program can use to teach kids to bike
 - Buying new screen for assembly / play AV
 - Covering gap for reduced lunch
 - Green House fundraiser
 - Planning on selling bricks
5. School Updates (Darren Houck)
- Musical
 - Going well - more expensive to get the rights because it is a dual language play, building some sets
 - T-shirts - should the cost be passed on to the students (\$5-10 per shirt)? Students pay and PTA can provide scholarships
 - Mission and Vision statement - did activity where everyone in the room submitted their values
 - Enrollment for 2020-2021
 - Appears enrollment will be similar next year, but based on October census
 - MTSS Process (support for struggling students)
 - Will put on the agenda for the next meeting - ran out of time
 - Allows every student to access three tiers of instruction (tier 2 small group, some students, tier 3 individuals, few students)
 - Recess Support and Playground Ideas
 - Budget season - planning for next year
 - Expanded recess support on 1/21/20
 - Long-term goals: expand the greenhouse program, expand the maker space program, return the 3 year old program to the school
 - Consider Playworks program to add structure to recess
6. Attendees
- Darren Houck
 - Caitlin Bognaski
 - Kim Abbot
 - Ivan Radcliff
 - Brandi Connolly
 - Alissa Olson
 - Jill Molchan
 - Lauren Fielding
 - Maggie Heile
 - Hilary Schmutz
 - Sarah Altschuler

- Jessica Wiltsee
- Courtney Caplan
- Elizabeth Fregulia
- Bryan Travis