

PTO Ways and Means Meeting
November 2, 2016

In attendance:

Misty Smith
Karen Olsen
Heather Friesen
Liz and Thomas Price
Regina Ligon
Londa Rochholz
Maren La roche
Jason Schanze
Didi Moore
Jen Davis
Lynn Kane
Yuli Martinez
Leslie Wonn
Dee Baker

The amount PTO has to disperse is: \$15,930.00

We have the ability in the spring to have a second ways and means dispersement, so we really don't have to allocate/drop things if we want to fund everything.

Field Trips: this is a very important subject for PTO, we are proposing this type of dispersement:

\$20 per student, 240 students for grades k-3

\$22 per student, 65 students for 4th grade

\$28 per student, 65 students for 5th grade

Music Specialists- \$212 needed for mallets for instruments we already have but, can't play. Shira Fadeley the specialist will be at McCornack 4 days a week in the spring. The downside to this is that the mallets will follow the music program, which means that they will be taken to other schools the music teacher goes to. But currently those instruments are sitting unused.

Library Books-\$1000 always at a book deficit, in the past years we've been doing a community service implementation for kids who lose books, but can't pay for them. Which means that those books can't get replaced. we get scholastic credit, but that doesn't cover older titles, hardbacks etc. Julie, our library specialist will take the \$1000 and get about \$3000 worth of books with her shopping skills!

OBOB funding: \$500 Each year there are 16 books, so we try to buy 5 of each title. they are later used for book sets for the classroom and "obob for all" so these books go on to serve many purposes.

Typing Agent: \$1150 benefits 2-5 grades for keyboarding and building typing skills. Although it's a required curriculum piece, district does not provide a typing resource. the school doesn't have the money to fund it. Upon further discussion, this proposal was dropped to be re-evaluated in the spring at the 2nd ways and means meeting, this doesn't expire until the spring.

Moby Max-\$1295 Requested by several teachers a few years ago. This is a big platform where students can access all sorts of curriculum. especially math, reading, gives reports and student progress with assesments. And can be used at home. Upon further discussion, this proposal was dropped to be re-evaluated in the spring at the 2nd ways and means meeting, this doesn't expire until the spring. Didi Moore and Heather Friesen also stated that since the price has gone up significantly and they will research other programs because this one is so much.

PE Equipment- \$362 Mr.Mac has requested 2 sets of yard balls, inside goals for indoor weather, one set of jump ropes to replace or add to equipment

Playground Equip-\$638 for balls and equipment that need to be replaced b/c supplies have dwindled. for both playgrounds

Didi Moore is asking for a \$100 for reading books for her 1st graders in her personal library. Hers were donated and are old/sad so she wants to enhance her library

Tumblebooks-\$599 this is a reading and watching website chapter books for upper levels besides lower level. accessible at home too. Used by all grades

Help me be a successful writer \$151 Dee Baker presented this is a selection of pencil grips, to help kids that aren't part of "SPED" this is for the main stream kids that are still in need of help with learning how to properly hold a pencil. covers 87 grips

Honk the musical,\$500 presented by Karen Olsen, this year they are in need of money for costumes, props, etc. auditions in Dec., practice in Jan., show in May, benefits 5th and some of 4th grade

5th grade celebration- \$150 helps support with decorations, gift bags, cookies and punch for all who come, in the gym

Chewlery-\$107 this is also for non sped kids, this is a tool for teachers to use to help kids that are anxious and self soothe by chewing which is a disruption to others, and not good for the student. This would be something that teachers could access upon a need basis, Dee has said that they noticed a real uptick in this since full day kindergarten was implemented. Mainly benefitting grades k-1

Second steps curriculum- \$389 This is a curriculum that was purchased last year at the kinder level, so now Heather Friesen and Erron Mertz are requesting a new copy for 3rd grade. its reusable and once purchased we own it and not an ongoing cost.

Beginning level readers: \$100

Fidgets and stress balls:\$100 are for kids to move hands and fidget,also a tool that teachers could tap into when they see a need, available to all grade levels.

Scholastic news- \$389 Erron and Heather get a subscription weekly , this is the balance after parents have given \$5 per student, so its what the 3rd grade needs to continue to receive it

Stipend for teachers: \$100 for teachers \$50 for specialists, totaling \$1700

School carnival games: Jason Schanze researched games that would be reusable and add variety to carnival as well as other activities found 3 games, corn hole, football throw and ladder pro, all break down to light weight, easy to store, and reusable for family fun nights, other events etc.

PTO reserves-\$2000 we like to keep cushion for our expenditures, etc. In order to fund all the proposals, the PTO has decided to reduce their reserves to \$1000, plus whatever the remainder from disbursement would be.

-Regina has proposed we evaluate the validity of moby max, Londa and misty seconded. all voted unanimous

-Misty proposed to reduce PTO reserves to \$1000 Regina seconded, all voted unanimous

-Liz price moves we fund everything and Cat Tomlin seconded it all voted unanimous

-Thomas Pricee wanted to emphasize that if more parents knew how important PTO and all we fund, more would like to be involved. Also, it should go to show how far we stretch our money to do so much.

-Heather Friesen has volunteered to check out which restaurants, besides Papa's donates 50% or a large amount, so that we can diversify where we set up fundraisers, Yuli Martinez said that she will research too. Cat Tomlin said that Chipotle also does fundraising and the organization receives 50% of sales

-Londa announced that artist in residence has been funded by the downtown rotary again this year! parents are wanting to be more thankful for the rotary's generous donation, teachers will brainstorm how to do that, it was mentioned that we might consider video recording the kids in different stages of doing art?

Meeting adjourned.