

AG PTO Executive Board Meeting
January 10, 2020

PTO Executive Board Members In attendance: Katie Davis, Rebecca Drendel, Sallie Beason, Denise Pineno, Melissa Self, Courtney Lapham, Donna McNairy, Jamie Curtis, Ghazale Johnston.; Mr. Folk in attendance

Meeting began at 8:58 am

Minutes Approval

- Minutes from December approved.

Treasurer Report

- Discussed ending the student fees for this school year. We have collected \$18,595 for student fees (30 each). We are short \$5800 of what we paid out but we expected to be short and budgeted for that in advance.
- PTO membership needs to be rebranded possibly "Staff Support Fund" to get people to contribute more money and possibly add a drop down with different amounts people can select.
- \$39,114 total income collected.
- We did get a \$5K donation from the church. They gave sweatshirts and toiletries bags.
- Spent \$18k of \$22k for instructional support. We haven't paid for Brain Pop. Mr. Folk to check on Brain Pop to make sure people are using it before we pay for it again.
- Need to dig into our expenses in February and look at where we are.

AG Fund Update

- AG Fund is at ~\$67000 with 21% participation (without pledged amounts collected).
- Reached out to Wells and it is now longer a matching system. If someone does service work through the year and they submit it as a charity. Only September you can apply for a donation for a charity of their choice. Last year we received a significant amount of money through the Wells matching program.
- Created a new PTO check request form where people will have to put their budget in before they ask for money. Leveraged the form Myers Park uses.
- Planning for a giving day at the end of the month (1/31) and to extend the campaign. Goal is \$100k. Mr. Folk wants to stress participation.
- We can give teachers envelopes with homeroom lists. Teachers can check off who gives money with the amount so we can write receipts. Message will be to invest in the schools and kids can bring money to help support the investment in the school.
- Going to update Bulldog Bulletin and want Mr. Folk to a voice Connect Ed to push the AG Fund message.

Principal Report

- Chrome brook G6s were given to students this year. We have numerous key board failures. The district bought 18,000 G6 Chrome Books. HP figured out it is a manufacturing defect that results from weight/ pressure being put on the Chrome Books. HP is replacing every keyboard. Will be replacing them in two waves.
- Christmas Party was great and Dr. Washburn was very happy and was so appreciative of the PTO gift. 40-50 people came and we should try and keep the tradition alive.

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- Our band has a piece commissioned for our 100 year event and are using our Alma Mater. Will want the band and the chorus participate in the 100 year events.

President Report

- 100 Year – Fundraising, Marketing and Programming – Plans include having a (1) kick-off social family event in April called the Bulldog Bonanza, (2) in the Fall having an adult alumni event, (3) doing a Spirit Week in the Fall and then having (3) a 100 Year Alumni small group roadshow fundraising events which would be at people’s homes. Mr. Folk and possibly the chorus could come and perform. 70 parents identified as AG alumni. Plan to have an alumni interest meeting to talk to them about opportunities to support the 100 Year activities.
- Bulldog Bonanza – Considering using Guinness Book of World Records for the Bulldog Bonanza. Want to ask Alumni about significant remembrances to create a video. Carmel does a fall festival at a football game which is a tradition of theirs which is similar to what we want to do for the Bulldog Bonanza. We need to figure out the transportation because 1000 kids might be staying after school. Or we could do Bulldog Bonanza at the end of the quarter during the electives and then do the Bulldog Bonanza later after school the same day and that way everyone can participate. Could we rent a stage and have entertainment (DJ), we could use chorus and orchestra. Food trucks. Considering a marathon dance. Need to have something for the kids to do. Need to look into sponsor and/ or charge tickets. The during the day events are free. The committee needs a budget.
- Want to have a ribbon cutting ceremony to end the 100 year events before 2021.
- AG Calendar/ Scheduling – New Media Specialist, Lisa Wright (Dr. Washburn’s replacement) can eventually update the google calendar and website. Send it to Mr. Folk for now.
- AG Clubs –Need a leader for AG Clubs. Not going to ask Lisa Wright to do it since she just started (Dr. Washburn used to do it). Mr. Folk needs to think about who do have do it. Beta Club will be run by grade. Mr. Folk is going to talk to Mrs. Wooden and Lisa Wright. We have a \$400 stipend.
- AG Bulldog Bulletin – Our numbers are low for Bulldog Bulletin. If people give us their email addresses we can use them. Mr. Folk to send parent names and email address. This will help boost our communication reach.
- General Board Social/ Meeting – Looking at having a meeting possibly at Legion Brewery at the end of the month.
- CMS will need to authorize payments, approve the plans and sign off on the contracts for renovation projects. CMS property manager will oversee the plans. Stacy Beard and Sallie Beason would both need to sign the checks. Stacy and Sallie to meet next week. Will invite Marjorie Redding and Stacy Beard to the next meeting in February to vote in Stacy as an Executive Board member and get Marjorie to state that the PTO will not be liable for the future construction if the PTO pays for it but CMS will hold the liability as they own the property.

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 am