January Meeting Minutes January 10, 2023 Meeting ID 999 3842 1749 Passcode is 411544

- 1. Attendance: Carole McCombe, Liz Scranton, Aliesha Lynch, Keri Tedford ,Brandy Montigny. Jenna Demers. **Motion** to start the meeting at 6:04pm by A. Lynch Seconded L. Scranton
- Review Proposed minutes for November 8 and December 13 meetings. Motion: L. Scranton to accept the minutes for the November and December meetings. Discussion: After reviewing the corrected minutes for November and December, ensuring errors are corrected, they can be posted to the PTO website.
- 3. Principal's Report:
 - The December 23 student music performance was very successful. We had a great turn out for the event.
 - The Giving Tree has been taken down and put back in storage. We brought in \$175.55 in cash.
 - There is no school on Monday, January 16 in honor of MLK, Jr. day.
 - Mid-term progress reports for the second trimester will go home with students on January 25. The first round of preschool progress reports will go home in Jan as well. They only have two reporting periods.
 - The annual student trip to Washington, D.C. is being planned. Students in grades 7 and 8 will attend this year from May 16 to May 19. Typically the PTO provides each student with a string backpack/bag to keep extra snacks and personal items in for the trip.
 - Registration is open for students eligible for preschool and kindergarten. We will be mailing our annual Needs Assessment Survey to families with children age birth to 5 that are not already enrolled in school. Spread the word if you know of any families with young children that are not already on our radar for school registration.
 - Readiness Council is looking for new members. Members do not have to have preschool age children to be involved.
 - Our first middle school dance (grades 5-8) will be this Friday evening from 6:30 to 9:00. We have not had dances since the pandemic!
 - We have installed new doors on the inside stairwell leading to the back playground. This is helping to keep the cold air out of the stairwell and lower level hallway and school
- 4. Treasurer's Report:Balance:

- a. 11,283.90
- 5. Old Business
 - a. Birds of prey assembly rescheduled from 12/16 to 1/31 at 1:30 pm.
 - b. Presentation of the new sign will be Friday, 1/13 at 3:00 pm. Winners' parents have been invited and students have been encouraged to wear spirit wear.
- 6. New Business
 - a. New secretary: Liz Scranton will be stepping down as secretary at the end of the year. Those interested in the position please get in touch with a committee member to ensure a smooth transition for the new school year.
 - b. Spring Fundraiser: We will be using, "Best Fundraiser Ideas: Happy Spring and Gourmet Goodness catalogs" to raise money. Discussed that cookie and butter bread type fundraisers are not profitable until we have more parental engagement. The fundraiser will begin Feb 27th, and will end March 10th. There is an option for mailing to home or picking up at school. Items purchased to be mailed to homes will arrive right before Easter if closed by March 10th. Discussed that there was a fundraiser idea sent to Principal McCombe regarding a Carnation flower fundraiser. It would be with wholesale carnation flowers, just in time for Valentine Day. Suggested to have the student council do this type of fundraiser.
 - c. Thank you cards from the school community for their scholastic books. Thank yous from the fourth grade and middle school for their books
- 7. Next Meeting March 14, 2023
- 8. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35pm K. Tedford Seconded by A. Lynch