

Sherman Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

September 26th 2018 6:00 Planning Meeting

Attending: Samantha Smith, Amy Huffman, Darlene Cook, Kelsey Phillips, Tessa Bibby, Kayla vonBorstel, Regina Tolentino, Robin Burgess, Emily Bailey, Amber DeGrange, Tabitha Hein, Magee Kennedy, Liz Cranston, Tionie Koch

We currently have \$2,749.91

1) Yellow Dyno Program 2017-2018

- a) We discussed different options besides going into the room each month. Possible assemblies once a quarter. Send information about Yellow Dyno etc out to parents once a month. Liz will contact previous volunteers and touch base with them regarding the suggestions.

2) Hygiene Kits (5th-6th)

- a) Tabitha and Darlene will research cost and email out the group for okay and then get them ready for kids.

3) October Trunk or Treat/ Teal Pumpkin Project/Library Open

- a) Friday, **October 26th** from 6-7:30 will be this year's Trunk or Treat. Food or concessions was discussed, but decided candy was enough. Kayla will see about putting info in the next Sherman Co Reporter. We will ask Jeremy Lanthorn to do a picture booth. Robin will work on providing some allergy free treats. Tionie and Kelsey will see about working on a Haunted House. Liz will work on posters, get car registrations out and visit with Marylou at the library.

4) Huskies Go To Work (Highlight working parent's careers)

- a) Gus the Husky is currently on a trip to Canada. We have several parents signed up from Back to School Night. When we run out of names, we will post on FB who wants to take him. Students can share in their classrooms or just turn it back in.

5) Family Engineering Night

- a) Liz will organize this in **November**. Tabitha will help with advertising.
- b) Darlene suggested passing out PTO attendance punch cards at this event. Each time a student attends a PTO sponsored event, they get their card punched. At the end of the year at the field day, they will get a prize if they have attended all events. Regina said she will design the cards. We can laminate them at the school.

6) Dinner for teachers during Parent Teacher Conferences

- a) PTO will provide the meal and email out parents for additional desserts etc. in **November**.

7) Polar Express Literacy Night

- a) Sam will help organize this in **December**. It was suggested to do it in a bigger area, possibly the cafeteria

8) Family Dance (Fundraiser for playground equipment)

- a) Tabitha and Liz will organize this in **February**. We will ask Jeremy to do pictures, plan around a theme and have food/concessions

9) Snacks for Missoula Children's Theater

- a) PTO will buy the food and email/ask parents to volunteer to pass out/prepare food during that week in **March**

10) Read Across America School Carnival/fundraiser

- a) Tionie will organize the carnival in **March**. She will be asking for parent volunteers for carnival booths and cake walk items. Amanda Payne had volunteered earlier to do face painting. Robin said her husband has several different types of booths from previous carnivals and would be happy to help.

11) Box Tops

- a) Robin said she would organize Box Top competitions. She also suggested looking into Krauss Craft for possible purchase of the equipment.

12) Classified Appreciation Week

- a) The week of **March 4th**. Liz will email out to get ya's or nay's on items to purchase and any help needed.

13) Teacher Appreciation Week

- a) The week of **May 6th**. Liz will email out to get ya's or nay's on items to purchase and any help needed.

14) Pinewood Derby

- a) Deanna and Evan Christiansen are in charge of this. We will support in any way we can. **April**

15) End of the year Field Day

- a) Liz will talk with Mr. Lewis and ask that we have a planning meeting earlier where we can get all our parent volunteers to so we can be a bit more prepared for next year.

16) Crayola Marker Recycling Program

- a) We are all signed up. Liz will get a recycling container to collect markers throughout the year.

17) 4/5/6 common area colorful update (chairs, couch, hanging lanterns, kites)

- a) We looked over a variety of colorful furniture from Wayfair. The consensus was to have the teachers make a list (prices) of items for the area and we will work with them on creating a donors list to see what donations we can get first. Then we can help get materials for the commons area.
- b) Amber will look into the Cultural Coalition for possible funds.

18) Liz will see about getting the PTO signed up for one concession during basketball season.

19) AWAY FOR THE DAY.org was briefly discussed as a site to look at about other schools and their cell phone policies. The site has research and information on cell phones and kids.

20) The Education Foundation is looking for project proposals from educators. They will also be doing a Logo contest so watch for information regarding that.

21) Liz will send out push pins to all the new teachers to add to the "Where will you go to further your education" bulletin board.