

Soaring Hawk Elementary School

PTO Board Meeting

Date: September 29, 2021



Meeting called to order at 1pm; adjourned at 2:15pm

Attendees: Chrissy Howard, Erin Finnin, Kimberly Kolbe, Tami Morling

Teacher Grant Vote

- Erin presented several grant requests from staff. All four board members voted to approve the following grants...
 - Amanda Gutierrez (Speech) - \$300 for an online social/emotional speech program – APPROVED
 - Monica Allen (Reading) - \$2,607 for 6 math packages – APPROVED
 - Sarah Schraml (3rd Grade) - \$1,507 for supplemental books to assist with the new Benchmark program – APPROVED
 - Kristie Krier (Vice Principal) - \$820 for 4 staff to attend the CCIRA literacy conference in Feb 2022 – APPROVED
- Erin presented one grant request from Yvette Wieter (4th grade) that we voted to partially approve. Yvette asked for books and décor to create a “reading room” in her mobile. We voted to approve \$115 to cover the cost of books. We will suggest to her that she receive donations from parents for the décor and accessories.
- Erin presented one grant request that we decided not to approve, at this time. It’s from Bonnie Apol (PE). She’s requesting \$1,250 for a TV, Apple TV, mounting & case. We didn’t feel this was a completely necessary expense right now, but will revisit it after we’ve received all other grant requests for the year. Also, we believe this large of an equipment purchase may need to go through the school first.
- All the approved grants, plus the \$150 for Hawk’s Nest previously approved, came to \$5,500. This is aligned well with our \$7,000 budget, which we can always increase, if needed.

Calendar

- Donuts with Dad on Wednesday, Oct 13th. Chrissy will spearhead.
- Halloween Bingo Night on Thursday, Oct 28th – Erin will spearhead. Erin already has the bingo machine and cards. Decided to use candy corn as markers. Kids can come in costume.

Community Cleanup

- Cory Fray would like to help with the cleanup for the school and wants to look into a grant to add plastic mulch to the playground. For the preschool area it we \$20,000, so he will look around and see what grants are available for this type of thing. The high schoolers are helping a lot because they need volunteer hours.
- We’d like to do a community clean-up day on Saturday, Nov. 13th. We can do a sign-up genius with certain spots to fill for various projects. We can also encourage people to do their area on a day that is more convenient for them. (We will do another clean-up day in the Spring.) Areas needing cleaning up include:
 - Pulling up weeds
 - Painting our symbol on the outside mobile
 - Painting the doors
 - Trash pick-up
 - Rock Garden
 - Behind the shed – hide the electrical box area

Student Council

- Student council has been established for the year and we will start soliciting their help for various events. They can serve as greeters for events and help with cleanup. They can also create posters for Spirit Nights and then stand outside during pickup with those posters to attract more attention and remind parents.

Beautification Money

- We can grant the school money, but one idea is to put kid's art up on the walls on the art displays. We can put up cables to hang artwork on and easily switch out.