

Ridgeview Elementary PTO

General Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2023, Emerald called the meeting at 6:13. Martha seconded.

Agenda: Discussed new popcorn machine options, as the current popcorn machine did not make enough volume for popcorn Fridays. It was agreed to give our machine a trial run, Martha knows one of the fellow parents that could run the machine very well. Limit of 1 bag per kid until further notice. More research needs to be done on the purchase of a new popcorn machine which will be on April's agenda.

Skate night: Sadie was contacted by Pattison's. Based on the dates available, it was agreed to hold skate night on May 31st, from 6-8pm. Sadie will email Pattisons to finalize.

Elections for the PTO will be held in May of this year. Anyone can nominate themselves. This is the official 30 day notice.

Career night will be April 18th; 12 parents have so far signed up.

Plant sale will be held sometime in the spring, possibly together with STEAM night. There is the option of the PTO providing food but there are restrictions around this.

Emry and Dante from student council gave a Powerpoint presentation with Mr. Taylor on student council activities. The student council consists of fifteen members from grades 3 through 5. A council suggestion for possible events include a Ridgeview play assisted by the Missoula Children's theater. This option is costly at \$5,000 and would also need to include lodging of the theater group. An alternative option would be to partner with the Shadle Park High School drama department or to have them host a workshop. Other ideas from the student council include putting on a talent show as well as improving the cafeteria food (however, the food options are chosen by the district).

Mr. Taylor would like to work with the PTO on a fundraiser, possibly a fund run. We then discussed the business that can be used to administer Fund runs, Apex, which can plan the run, provide videos, shirts, a leadership trait and gifts for incentives. Diane is looking into this option for the fall to kick off the school year.

Our Author day is May 16th, during school hours. Order forms will go home to parents in order to purchase books for their children. Emerald suggested buying a book for each classroom.

Principals Report: Mrs. Nybo attended the CAC meeting recently. Numerous house bills are in Olympia at the moment. SPS did use pandemic funds that were not tied to staff as other districts did where layoffs were occurring. Special Education bill, 6514, is being discussed regarding isolation policies, compliance issues and behavior rooms. Bill 5474 is the "equity transportation for all" bill, Durham will be replaced by Zoom. Transitional kindergarten is being discussed which entails 4-5 year olds having a full day of learning. E cap federal funds are at 2.6 billion. The 2023 bond is up for renewal. Other issues being discussed are around safety and security including, how police can access a school campus, installation of vape alarms in bathrooms for middle and high schools.

Agenda for next month: Teacher appreciation week during the first week of May.

Martha called the meeting to an end and Sadie seconded at 7:02 pm.