

## **MINUTES November 7, 2019**

**6:30 call to order**

**Motion to approve Aug 15 minutes: Lillian, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sarah; approved**

### **Tanya**

MAP testing window opens on November 18. We are 0.2 off being rated a 4 star school. (Surveys are the only area where we need improvement)

District - Upload business partners – want to sponsor a business partner's open house at CEMA– early January

How to fund integrating 3 year olds into the school (JCB/Lady Banford foundation)

Families with financial and/or housing stress- please encourage them to reach out to the counsellors Rebecca and Ivy at any time, can access many resources

Teacher stress – “Mindful self and compassion” workshop November 18. Also there will be a retreat at Wesley Gardens on January 25

### **Treasurer (David)**

PTA funds are currently \$25, 676.89

Fall festival expenses: 1631 - Gross revenue: 2315 - Net profit: \$684

Also teachers received \$4345 in grants

### **Arts Enrichment (Amanda)**

Reflections update– every work moved on to state level; December 6 next level

### **Bobcat Dads**

Thanks to Role Models for October, new Bobcat mascot, bobcat dad tshirt available, need more dad volunteers.

### **Campus beautification (Sam)**

Work in garden is ongoing

### **Communication (Sarah)**

Reminder to send her event details and photos

### **Cultural (Beverly)**

February 2020 cultural festival, more entertainment and outreach to families to participate

### **Health and Wellness**

Nurse Chris needs volunteers November 15

### **PTA membership (Lena)**

We need 25 more members to reach goal

### **Parent advocacy (Kelly)**

-workshops IEP and 504s, December 7 next workshop. Georgia PTA Oct 26 advocacy workshop in Atlanta – need help with organizing it next year here in Savannah

-District 6 workshops last week

-Council legislative agenda presented last week

-Hub bus proposal meeting only affects high schools for now, but future in all schools will have to comply

-Proposed new bell times are 8:30 – 3:30

Upcoming meetings are November 13, 6:30pm at West Chatham Middle School

November 20, 6:30pm at Beach High school

Dec 4, 6:30pm at Johnson High school

-Kelly is now on the state legislative committee

-National school of excellence application submitted

**School safety** – no report

**Teacher appreciation**

80 people attended luncheon

**Teacher liaison (Lisa)** – no report

**OTHER**

Fall festival was a great success – Tanya said it was most relaxed festival she has ever seen. Middle schooler did great job running the games, Erdkinder students were a big help, and bouncy houses were not missed!

Teacher grants – spring window for next applications

Colleen – we were awarded an experience grant for Erdkinder Spanish class

Do Good Things grant – 3 recipients announced at fall festival – will keep us updated

School council December 2, next meeting – security upgrades and accreditation and shade sales

No new business

MESS Fall photo fundraiser raised \$3,000

State visit on Monday – excellent reviews from Dr. Baxley - very impressed with level of engagement in classroom, and could see a lot of joy – amazed by Erdkinder tour by Cora Brien

Sylvan learning center – reminder of free consultations for Ellis parents

**Upcoming events:**

Read a thon for month of November

Festival of Lights December 10

Book fair December 9-13

December 7 parent advocacy seminar

January 23 next membership meeting

Boosterthon January 16 – pep rallies in the classrooms January 7 – link will be available for pledges before winter break!

Meeting adjourned 7:03