Canyon View Elementary PTA Meeting November 3, 2016 9 am

Members Present: Raelynn Williams, Tracie Robertson, Rayna Drago, Laurel Miller-Jones, Marta Stott, Carolyn Armstrong, Micki Harris, Julie Miller, Emily Weigel, Heather Passey, Marianne Zenger, Rebecca Schocker, LeeAnn Earhart, Amber Morzclewski, Roz Hite, BJ Weller

PRESIDENT

-Thank you to head great parents and room parents, teachers were happy about the parties and help

-Nominating Committee needs to be set by the end of December. Laurel Miller-Jones, and Micki Harris volunteered to be on the committee. LeeAnn will be the executive member committee member.

-Garden progression: The first meeting took place this last Friday, and included parents, teachers and staff. Everyone is invited to future meeting. They are looking into grants, designs and other plans. The design should be finished by next week and they will begin to look for bids - in need of cement and fencing contractors. We will put in roughly 1 box/grade. Teachers will incorporate the garden into their curriculum. The goal is to start planting next spring.

-Teacher grants: All general ed teachers will receive \$200 from the PTA.

TREASURER

LeeAnn passed out copies of the budget. Overall fundraiser raised just over 24000 dollars, including corporate sponsors.

The book fair funds will now be handled by the PTA. It's not money in our pocket though because we pay the amount right back to scholastic. School receives books from scholastic from the proceeds.

We will be giving a check to each teacher for classroom supplies, or tools and they have until May 1 to use the funds. They will give us their receipts for reimbursement. All leftover money will go towards technology in the classroom, like iPads, which will probably be around \$2600.

HOSPITALITY

NEWSLETTER

5th Grade gets to do the cub corner this month. Rayna sent out info to the 5th grade and we are waiting for submissions.

MEMBERSHIPS

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Marta will remind parents that there are no PTA sponsored Christmas/Winter holiday

parties. Each class will have still do an activity.

REFLECTIONS

All winning students have been notified and Raelynn is passing on their entries to the Council.

Awards assembly on December 9th.

EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Laurel took over the math program from Hilary. Laurel reached out to teachers to find out what math incentives were already implemented. Some teachers already had things in place, but some rely on our math program. Do we need a math incentive program? Laurel feels like we don't. We do not want to make more work for the teachers, so we discussed whether we need this program and what the role of the education coordinator is. We agreed that we don't need more prizes, like the math program has given in the past. The bengal cub of the month can be used to recognize kids who are improving in math. The education coordinator can be a go-between for the parents who want to volunteer and the teachers. We can add math recognition on the bengal cub of the month bulletin board.

BOX TOPS

OTHER

-Directory - thank you Alex! Directories are coming soon.

-Veteran's Day assembly: We have about 12-13 names submitted for appearing at the assembly. They will get a certificate and flower, the kids will sing a song. Marianne will ask some women veterans she knows if they would like to join. Mr. Weller would like cub scouts to do the flag ceremony, and will invite all cub scouts at the school to wear their uniforms. They will all line up and help with the flag ceremony and pledge. -Buffalo Wild Wings Night - Wednesday, November 16. Rayna will send out flyers about it next week.

-Choir Show - Tuesday, December 13 @ 7 pm at Butler Middle Marta will help with show. We can get in at 4 pm to decorate.

OPEN FLOOR

LeeAnn suggested finding a partner school for cultural night in another country (or countries) that we could match up our students with pen pals. Several members present have contacts in other countries that we can use to match up different countries with different grades, or possibly classrooms. We discussed the logistics of mail, and other options, such as Skype, email and sending videos.

We also discussed using local community members, such as refugees to come into the classrooms and teach the kids.

LeeAnn is willing to work with Marta and others to figure out the logistics of incorporating this new approach into our cultural night.