

Mesa Elementary School PTO General Meeting Notes

April 5, 2024, 8:00am

Attendees

April Busch, Carrie Simpson, Christine Chen, Jill Walter, Josh Baldner, Megan Maguire, Michelle Duvall, Sunny van der Star

DEI - Christine

- DEI event next Thursday night, neurodivergent
- Trainer will go through a series of exercises, bring in kids from middle & high school, will explain kids can advocate for themselves, but other people can advocate for them too
- Need to send out a stand alone email about event
- Last DEI meeting of school year, May 2, brainstorming session, want as many people as possible to come
- Reading to End Racism
 - Carrie asked if could find out what book was read in each class
 - Michelle brought up the idea of having her international college students come to read/work with the Mesa kids; Josh mentioned having international families interact with K-2 kids, then Michelle's students for grades 3-5

April

- Gwen is doing a great job on the yearbook
- Teacher appreciation:
 - Suggested maybe \$25 gift cards for each teacher
 - April thought this was a good idea
 - Josh might grill one day for lunch
- Josh mentioned volunteer appreciation, Mesa is going to do a para appreciation luncheon
- Carrie told April that we're going to push for Mesa Oasis funding from the Fun Run
 - Sunny asked April to see what ideas the teachers have for placement of things in the Oasis, ie tables, stumps, rocks

Principal's report

- May meeting vote on proposed para educator/teacher aide budget
- SAC meeting is April 26, no later than April 27 will have to the PTO board the proposed tutor budget
 - SAC takes proposed budget, compares it to budget guidelines, sees if Mesa is in line
- Priority: class size support, early literacy, early math intervention - most priorities stayed the same for Mesa teachers
- Mesa did not see any incremental budget cuts for next year
- 29 kids registered for kindergarten in Infinite Campus

Fun Run

- Michelle has it all under control
- Teachers can bring sharpies to the run

Mesa Oasis

- Fundraising: 4 options, \$50/child Sweet Cow free scoop card raffle, \$200/family bronze leaf/plaque with family name, \$1000 gets a plaque on a boulder, \$5000 custom made bench
- Josh and April will get all the teachers out to the Oasis at the same time to brainstorm how to use the area

PTO Board

- We need more people
- April said we need a better plug at back to school night
 - At April's kid's school, parents watch a quick video from PTO members
- At back to school night, have a list of jobs needed by the PTO posted in each classroom
 - Include absolutely all volunteer needs