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**Attendees:**

Board Members Present:

- Angela Ekberg
- Kristi Gillis
- Allison Bunch
- Danielle McGee
- Claire Lacy
- Sara Neale

Additional Attendees:

Amy McVicker  
Sherri Hall  
Whitney Dewar  
Jen McCormick  
Meg Tabaka  
Ms. Julia

**Call to Order: 6:35**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes** – September: Sara motions to approve; Kristi seconds; approved

**President's Report:** *Angela*

- Scholastic Book Fair Dollars/Points
  - Went well; sold as many books as we have previously, even with shortening to 3 days and only open in the morning and afternoon, and upper grades recess
  - Feedback from a younger class teacher was that it was great for the little kids; no fighting, crying, less stressful for teachers
  - Teachers were given Scholastic points to use as we have over 6,000 points to use; we are also planning to purchase a book for every student for Continent Day
  - Do we want to do a Book Fair in Spring? Set for March 6-8
    - Decided yes, we will keep it, same schedule as we did this week
  - PTO made a decision to accept \$1,800 in cash for this Scholastic Book Fair vs. Scholastic Points as we already have so many
- BGCC Wizards Tournament
  - If a few staff members/teachers would participate, BGCC would split proceeds; Amy has reached out to staff, but no one has expressed interest yet
- Holiday Bazaar updates
  - Half the tables booked for inside so far
  - John Lester would help with AV

- We should start sharing the snowflake making video
- We have purchased the wooden ornaments to give to teachers in November
- Continent Day
  - Mamadu will perform drum circles for every class
  - Amy meeting with Leadership team to discuss format on Tuesday
  - Need a buffer/something for the kids to do between classes
    - Maybe chalk outside, bubbles
- Kids at PTO Meeting
  - We would like to share that parents are able to bring kids to PTO meetings if needed; quiet time, but welcome! All agreed

**Financials: Sara**

- Voluntary Tuition update
  - Goal: \$55K, with corporate matching \$57,963! Biggest Fundraiser for the year; 104 donations
- \$229K in checking account; Sara is going to look to move some into money market
- Fall Scholastic Book Fair update
  - Spring sold \$8K, this Fair sold \$8,500, even with less days, shifts, volunteers; will stick with this format for future book fairs

**Principal's Report: Amy**

- Has been a busy month! Fun ahead with fall and winter holidays
- Art in Action supplies have been delivered, in the art room
  - Teachers have talked to parents to see who may be interested in helping with AIA; will have 1 lesson per trimester
  - Some teachers have shared they would like to work with a parent, some may want to do it on their own
  - Angela will be organizing the supplies and materials to be ready to go for the teacher or volunteers, if anyone would like to help
- 1 box labeled Africa Continent Day in the Art Room
- Walk to School Day – next Wednesday, need a volunteer to help put dots on a board that morning
- Earth Squad – second grade is making a video for movie night
- Green Team is making a video for movie night also
  - Getting compostable liners for bins, having cornhole for \$1 at movie night
- Canopy for outdoor classroom (10x20) has been delivered; need stakes to hold it down
- Halloween Parade Monday, October 31 at 8:20; parents welcome to watch; teachers will work with parents on any in-class Halloween Fun
- Amy is going to reach out to Parents to build an ofrenda for Dia de los Muertos
- Indigenous People's Day – school Monday, 10/10

**Ms. Julia Update:**

- Opera Together: Going well, Opera sent revised scripts earlier this week, so handed out final scripts; 29 kids participating; everyone has a named part; performance on November 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:30; primary parts are 5<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders; understudy for every part
  - Julia is filling out a grant for piano tuner, so will ask them; otherwise may look to PTO to fund (Sara found someone to tune the piano is \$180)
- Talent Show
  - Corrina would like to help
  - Everyone will audition, first week after winter break; rehearsals once a week, do show week before February break
  - Julia will help refine, put the show in an order
  - Dress rehearsal day before; show on a night, Thursday before February break
  - Sherri – dress rehearsal during school
  - Lighting/Sound: Angela can ask John to help
  - MC: would like to have students do it
  - Danielle will update the website

**Discussion Items:**

- Whiskers
- PTO Texting: move from EZ texting
  - EZ Texting has not accepted our payment, and we are frozen out; we learned that other PTOs send communications through the principal; we can possibly use Canva
  - Ms. McVicker okay with this approach; can also pre-schedule texting
- Outdoor Movie Night update
  - In good shape; meeting again next week
  - crowd sourced a popcorn maker
  - 61 tickets sold, \$1000 raised
  - 3 staff members have asked for tickets
  - high school is having their homecoming, so won't have volunteers; will ask if middle schoolers would like to volunteer
- Outdoor Classroom update
  - Summer garden is ready to be taken out
  - Infrastructure and planning is being thought through; will be using HMBHS assistance
  - Garden heroes: Kristi would like to pitch artwork; each class can choose a garden hero and be revealed on earth day
  - Working on a Documentation archive
  - Kristi is going to buy a new hose to replace the broken one
  - Murals from last year are completed; one more needs to be lacquered, and will be part of the next parent workday to hang up

- Ray Furst Garden
  - Maybe Green Team or Earth Squad could maintain the space; needs a refresh/clean up
- BMX show assembly (\$1,497.00)
  - We have enough money in budget to do this; all agreed to move forward with scheduling this
  - Danielle will move forward to book
- PTO funding of field trips
  - Has been budgeted in the past; hasn't been budgeted for in the last few years
  - a teacher has asked PTO to help fund a field trip
  - need to determine how to allocate funds in future years; perhaps fund/student
- Lit club garage sale
  - Lit club likely not coming back in the same format this year, but 3rd grade new curriculum could use new books
  - Ms. Kelly is happy to help quarter back the lit club garage sale; Sara happy to be #2 for garage sale
  - In order to work, need dumpster to work, and man in Montara helps to advertise
- Thank you: Birthday Banner sign
  - Was brought back to life thanks to Ms. Sandy's husband! PTO thanked him with a t-shirt and card

Items Needing Action:

- ✓ Approval of Meeting Minutes – September

Important Dates:

- **Outdoor Movie Night:** Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>
- **Halloween Parade:** Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>
- **Dia de los Muertos:** Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>
- **Veterans Day – NO SCHOOL:** Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>
- **Continent Day – Africa:** Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>