**Black Hawk Elementary PTA**

Monday Sept 9, 2024

**Agenda**

Meeting called to order by Stacie Kellogg at 6:01pm

Introductions

Members present: 12

Treasurer report-

Checking account balance: As of August 31, 2024 $6,360.18

Savings Balance: As of August 31, 2024 $20,122.63

* Motion to Approve: Teresa Leite
* Second: Korrena Usera

Secretary report- May minutes are posted on the BHE website.

* Motion to Approve: Stacie Kellogg
* Second: Danielle High Bear

Principal report-

* Survey results from 2023-2024 school year- scored well in most areas, concerns in parents say at school (communication)
  + Goals to increase communication between Families- Black Hawk- RCAS district as a whole
  + Goal to increase family responses by offering it more frequently and in different ways- open to suggestions to help us get a bigger picture
* Finished MAP testing and staff is digging into the data
* Kindness Assembly – we have a kindness challenge happening at Black Hawk! Look for more
* Boy Scouts meeting Sept 17th 6pm
* Picture Day Sept 24th
* Fire Department presentations the 23rd- 26th
* LEI is raising funds for class snacks with half going towards our negative lunch balance!

**New business:**

* Budget Overview of 2024-2025 PTA budget
  + Motion to Approve: Teresa Leite
  + Second: Korrena Usera
* Membership Update
  + Currently have 46 members
  + Membership drive
    - Class with the most PTA members wins 2 boxes of class snack
    - A random PTA member will be drawn at the Oct meeting for a $20 gift card.
    - Anyone can join PTA! Grandparents, family, friends
* Fundraiser
  + Reading Rally Fundraiser
    - We don’t have to pay the set up fee again because it’s the same calendar year
    - October 18th kickoff date!
    - Typically runs 2 weeks with a week for finishing up
    - We will work with FundHub to get the site ready and send home info for parents
    - Encouraging the kids to read and raise money- saving for playground equipment
    - Prizes! Keeping support of local business and doing more random drawings with students that have signed up
      * Suggestion of choice between Run Wild & Press Start- have teachers give a class list of which choice students would want if they won
      * More emphasis on reading and reading prizes
      * Keep the pie a staff member – top 5 fundraisers, top reader in each grade (If you get top in both, it goes to the next person)
    - Heavily advertise that it is fundraising for playground equipment!
      * There is a company that will 50% match every year if you have your order in by Oct. 1- Jamie Clapham
      * Discussions with buildings and grounds for putting in equipment
* Blood Drive
  + Wednesday October 2, 2024 in gym
* Fall Elks Movie Theater Tickets
  + The Elks Theater is NOT doing the Fall/Spring movie ticket program- Summer will continue
* District & State Education Updates- school board member Jamie Clapham
  + Bussing is the huge issue they are facing
    - An outside company is studying our bussing needs/how to be more efficient
    - Bussing is a nationwide issue right now
  + Position for Interim Super Intendent has been posted for this school year- 1 year
  + South Middle School has opened their new, wonderful building!
    - Looking at more district level use
  + Community Listening Session on school safety
    - 9/10 5:30pm at Central High School
    - 9/12 Zoom at 7:00pm
  + State PTA convention will be held in Pierre- date TBD
    - Bylaws need to be looked at
    - State PTA president position is open!
* Reflections
  + Charity, our city chair, is here to help us!
  + National Art contest hosted by the National PTA
    - Dance choreography, Visual Arts, Film production, literary, photography, music composition
    - Primary and Intermediate levels
    - Students can do multiple categories
  + Charity has a video or could present it to the students
  + Opening date & Close date needed
  + Award of Merit & Award of Excellence are areas students can receive awards
  + When do we want to introduce it to students?
  + Time line: Due to state by December 15th School level is prior to that (Maybe due before Thanksgiving break.) Art will be displayed for ALL participants at the Black Hills Reflections Arts Show.
  + Charity will do most of the work for the school- materials, forms, video
  + Interest from parents to have their children participate- send info on Dojo/Friday Folders
  + Possible volunteers- blue forms
* Volunteer Opportunities
  + How can we best help our school?
    - Teachers post things they need help with? How do we best use our volunteers?
    - How can we help when we have students at multiple schools?
    - Is there a system that other schools/areas use?
    - We want people in our buildings and available to help.
    - Create an ongoing list per classroom, per grade, per school
  + Lunch from 11-1pm always a great time to help!
  + Plan: Start with a Dojo to families- Are you interested in volunteering at your child’s school or chaperoning a field trip? The first step is to fill out the volunteer form here:
    - Pull the list and then sound a google survey to those people first to help
  + Reach out to our RCAS district coordinator to help pull data. Then, create a survey for people asking what they are willing to do to help and when?

**Open floor**

* McTeacher Night at West Main McDonalds- Andrea will reach out to Mary
* October meeting will offer a Zoom option using the video system lent from state PTA!
* Spring Bingo date TBD- tentatively March 13th- revisit in October
* City PTA meeting 6:30pm Robbinsdale Gym

**Meeting adjourned at by Jamie Clapham at 7:12 pm**

Join us for our next PTA Meeting Monday October 21, 2024 at 6pm.

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