



DeWitt Elementary PTA 2023-2024 Meeting

Wednesday, February 7th, 2024
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Krista H., Amanda W., Monica W., AnnMarie S., Rheanna K., Ashley M., Leslie Phelps, Jenna W., Emily Palmatier, Lori S., Mallory J.

CALL TO ORDER:

Call to order at 7:07 by Krista H.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Members introduced themselves. Spoke about Mrs. Palmatier's influence on us.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Amanda reviewed the meeting minutes from January. Motion to approve Jenna - seconded by Lori

REPORTS OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEES:

President's Report: Dr. Spickard sent an email asking that we focus on inclusive language and wanted to provide a reminder. Greetings should be: Everyone, Students, Panthers or scholars, use they/them pronouns, Instead of dear parents use Dear Families, Use terms like participants, etc. For documents and forms: Don't request gender information.

Spickard approved the event for STEM. Dewitt HS has approved our use of the event space for April 19th, 6-8PM.

Treasurer's Report: Ashley reported on the budget. Discussed that she has corrected the variance column. Still receiving funds for Denim and Diamonds - \$500 refunded for deposit for hall. Received \$200 from Granger as a donation unrelated to events. Balance at end of January #39,439. Motion to approve - Jenna. Seconded by Ann Marie.

Committee reports:

Membership - Jenna - nothing to report.

D&D - Nothing to report

Teacher Grants - Krista H. explained what the Teacher Grant committee's purpose is and what the budget is. Teachers are provided with the Rubric. AnnMarie presented on each individual submission. Mrs. Poustforoush requested a beverage bar and it was suggested that we decline it. The following were brought to the group to vote on: Mrs. Phelps requested \$950.60 for musical instruments for her class. Mrs. Shaler has requested \$600 for a set of Slumberkins and books for her classroom. Mrs. Gust has requested \$1784.57 for rain boots and trail suits for her students. Mrs. Karr has submitted 2 requests. 1 for \$60 for a math set and clicker. 1 for \$150-175 to build soft start bins. Mrs. Smoot has requested \$1099.10 for a set of North American Animal Books (58 titles). Mrs. Samson has requested \$294 for cars and interactive playscapes from Lakeshore Learning. Mrs. Woodhams has spoken with Krista about a grant request to replace the mats behind the basketball hoops at Schavey. Rough estimate of 5 mats on each end at \$185 each. Need 10 mats total for \$1850. Krista needs to follow up with Tracy at the Michigan PTA to confirm that we are allowed to fund the requests from LPPS. We can

approve them with the contingency that it would be based on approval. Mrs. Palmatier informed us that Mrs. McGinthy submitted requests on January 22, but they went to the wrong email.

Approved- Decline - Table for future meeting

Mrs. Phelps - Motion approved

Mrs. Shaler - Motion approved

Mrs. Gust - Motion tabled for future meeting

Mrs. Karr (Math)- Motion approved

Mrs. Karr (Bins)- Motion approved

Mrs. Smoot - Motion approved

Mrs. Samson - Motion tabled for future meeting.

Mrs. Woodhams - Motion tabled for future meeting.

Mrs. McGinthy - On record and will be reviewed for future meeting.

AnnMarie will follow up with all principals to confirm that no other Teacher Grants were approved.

We will vote on building allocations in March.

Audit - Nothing to report.

Bylaws - nothing to report

Building reps - Krista reported that conference cuisine prep has begun. We need to raise money through givebacks. Jenna will work on it for the next meeting. Lori and Monica have volunteered to help with photo day.

STEM - Krista presented on overall process of planning. If you want to volunteer please let us know. We need to schedule another subcommittee meeting. Hoping to schedule for next week.

Transportation breakfast - Tabled for march meeting to allow for planning.

Staff appreciation - Jenna, Rheanna, AnnMarie, Mallory have volunteered for the committee. Feedback from Phelps and Palmatier - Staff lounge - decorating the doors is nice. Meals and snacks are great. Beverage bar would be great.

Communication - Amanda reported about ideas for communication moving forward. Will update the website to include information. Will start posting meeting minutes after each meeting. Has created a newsletter to launch for March. Need to discuss with social media teams about

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Palmatier farewell - Students are suggested to not be involved because of emotional aspect. Other suggestions for prior meeting were declined. Teachers would love if we could fund the farewell meal next week. 50 people. Could use funding from the building rep fund to cover the cost. Jenna motion to approve \$550 budget. Monica seconded. Motion carried. Donation contingent on a representative from PTA being invited to the meal.

NEW BUSINESS:

Peppinos Fundraiser - Confirming details of what the sponsorship is. Need additional volunteers between 4-6pm.

New officer Elections - If you are interested, please reach out to the board.

Community showcase - PTA, PTSA and non profits in the district have been asked by Dr. Spickard to run concessions. We cannot serve hot food under heaters. We can do pizza, cotton candy, etc. Need suggestions for what food we could serve and 4 volunteers to man the booth. Amanda to post asking for volunteers on the member page and inform them how much funding we could bring in.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Winter Fun Day has been moved to Feb 21st. Information can be found on FB.

Next meeting will review building allocations and teacher grants. On Tuesday, March 5th at 7pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Amanda motioned to adjourn at 8:30. Seconded by Monica.