**Culbreth Middle School PTSA Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 7, 2019, 1:00- 2:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Attendees**: Tiffany Allen, Catherine Neal, Jennifer Cavender, Krys Sydell, Ben Martens (by phone), Jill Simon, Scott Falk, Lynn Hirsch, Monica Bintz

**Review and Approval of November Minutes**

* Catherine N. moved to approve, Krys seconded, voted unanimously to approve October minutes.

**Principal’s Report (Monica Bintz)**

* Advisory groups engaging with broader community: hospitality care packages; book drive--over 1500 books to Burgaw Middle School; Ms Motta’s school supply drive;
* School Board Update--Talked about Advisory experiences
* 2nd Q date end moved back one week to Feb 1
* New hires: Laura Beery, MTSS (Multi-tier Services of Support) focus. Structure to assist, make reversals as needed, track progress of students. Jennifer Brackett: new EC teacher. Fully staffed!
* Budget request: Principal’s Discretionary Fund currently only replenished by school picture fundraising, which is not much. Would like a line in PTSA budget to help sustain this discretionary fund. (Ms. Bintz to collect info and request specific amount. Budget talks being in March, voted on in June, operational July 1. Perhaps increase in hospitality budget to help.)

**Volunteer Coordinator Report (Jennifer Cavender)**

* Still need someone for PSF 5k support.
* March 14 STEAM day: Ms. Caudill polled the students regarding interests, to foster best fit. (They still love Dan the Animal Man, and demonstration/something interactive. Interest in architecture, cooking, fashion, interior design, photography, robotics, video game design, etc.) Jennifer getting info from Tiki G. (last year’s chair).
* AVID teacher wants to host Valentine’s Day to raise money for trip to DC: fine by us!
* Reality of Money reschedule not yet determined.

**Treasurer Update (Ben Martens)**

* Not a lot of activity since Dec meeting. Total income for year a bit higher than budget (about $400). Membership higher than expected, other contributions slightly lower. Many expenses are low compared to projections. Expect that to change over next 2 months, but budget looks good.
* Sizable donation received from an educational foundation (Psalms of Life) for the orchestra! (For new cellos, maybe a harp, their trip…) (A Culbreth parent is on the board of the foundation.)

**Hospitality Update (Krys Sydell)**

* Thanks to volunteers for holiday celebration help! (Mama Dip’s was awesome!)
* Chili cook-off date in flux, will be working with Stephanie Mosteller

**Questions/Discussion**

* PTSA Grant request Round 3: requests due Jan 31, to be discussed Feb 5.
* Jan 31 also deadline for teacher discretionary fund requests.
* Think about school-wide grant ideas.
* PORCH contact came, good education for Culbreth PTSA.
* February meeting will cover grants, Porch, and volunteers for March.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 5, 2019, 1-2 pm**