

<p>Call to Order/Welcome -President: Anni Rodgers</p>	<p>Anni called the meeting to order at 6:30pm & asked what are our hopes for the new year (either for PTO and/or personally)?</p>
<p>Approval of December 5, 2023 minutes -Secretary: Allison Lena</p>	<p>Jenn King made a motion. Anni Rodgers seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.</p>
<p>Officer Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● President: Anni Rodgers ● Vice President: Ed Cotto Morales ● Treasurer: Jennifer King ● Secretary: Allison Lena 	<p>President: N/A</p> <p>Vice President: N/A</p> <p>Treasurer:</p> <p>- Got Sneakers \$25.25, staff appreciation donations \$1253.93 (\$25 per staff member), Shark Bites \$436.76 midterms snacks -\$246.81, hot cocoa bar -\$89.05; adding a line to reflect scholarships,</p> <p>- Jenn King made a motion to increase scholarship budget from \$4,000 to \$8,000 in order to give out scholarship checks at awards night (instead of waiting until the 1st semester is completed), Allison Lena seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.</p> <p>Secretary: N/A</p>
<p>Principal Report: Tara Amatrudo/Colleen Hardison</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Winter Dance 	<p>HUGE thank you for staff appreciation (cookies & gift cards)</p> <p>Event Updates:</p> <p>- January 17th (early release day @ 11:50am) - Lunar New Year celebration</p> <p>- January 19th Winter dance “snowcoming” (semi-formal) 6:30-9:30pm hosted by Junior Class Council</p> <p>Teacher Updates:</p> <p>- Mr. Ortiz’s vacancy has been filled</p> <p>- Math teacher going for final interview 1/3/2024 (to fill the position currently occupied by a substitute)</p> <p>**will be fully staffed**</p>

	<p>Upcoming Parent Forum → thoughts about discussion topics?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - what are the goals and strategies now that the school is being nationally recognized? - communication between parents and the school (Parent Square) - opportunities for fitness and/or art - curriculum changes - midterm scheduling → too stressful to have the week before Christmas break?
<p>Student Council Report: Charlie Bergendahl</p>	<p>Ada Gauthier (junior)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - exploring fundraising ideas - spirit week (student/teacher basketball game) - individual spirit days - tabling penny wars this year
<p>Committee Report(s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Scholarships-Ed Cotto Morales <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Committee will commence in February! ● Staff Appreciation-Tracey Goodwin & Cheryl Corej <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Holiday gift cards outreach report ○ Cookie swap (12/21) report ● Fundraising/Events-Anni Rodgers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Report on See's Candies fundraiser: \$482.50 ○ Shark Bites on Dec. 13 at Pick Pockets: \$100 ○ Shark Bites at Smashburger on January 10 ● Community Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sharkapalooza: February 2 (snow date Feb. 9) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ outreach efforts ■ volunteers needed ■ event plan & pricing ■ marketing update ● Student Appreciation-Liz Blomberg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Report on midterms snacks 	<p>Scholarships (Ed Cotto Morales)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - disbursement of checks after the 1st semester is completed creates accounting and logistics issues - proposing to give checks to students at awards night (mega check for photo op) - floor was opened for discussion, all in attendance agreed to the changes <p>Staff Appreciation (Tracey Goodwin)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Holiday gift cards & cookie swap: (20ish different kinds of cookies, boxes donated were super cute, labeling the baked goods for the future, Jenn King's gift card assortment and setup was wonderful); ran this event almost completely (\$48 in paypal fees) by donation <p>Fundraising/Events (Anni Rodgers)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See's Candies check should be here soon & reflected on next Treasurer's Report <p>Community Events (Anni Rodgers)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sharkapalooza: event plan → music bingo (pay for cards/2 per game) & open mic (open to entire school community); selling refreshments; basket raffle (possibly 50/50 raffle); marketing update → fliers, Great Hall meeting announcements, rockstar school spirit day(?); Anni Rodgers made a motion to reallocate \$300 from canceled Amazing Race plus an additional \$100 for the event, Ed seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED. <p>Student Appreciation (Anni Rodgers)</p>

	<p>Midterms Snack Tables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8 snacks per student - under \$250 budget (Aldi) - some snacks leftover (parent feedback that there weren't enough snacks) - congestion at the table, need a different distribution method? <p>Tracey Goodwin's feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More variety of snacks needed (budget increase for next year, given the cost of food) - Filled in with baked goods and fruit each morning - More communication between volunteers and committee - Ask for food donations or baked goods from parents (start asking in Sept/Oct → leftover snacks from Halloween?)
New Business/questions: Secretary Allison Lena	Ongoing fundraiser to purchase new furniture for the upstairs lounge?
Adjournment: President Anni Rodgers	Anni adjourned the meeting at 7:36 pm

Please note that all of the PTO contacts stay the same. If you wish to reach anyone on the executive board please use the email addresses below, and it's best to cc: everyone. Thank you and have a great night!

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