**PTA Meeting**

**10.10.23**

Meeting Opened at 7pm by Jane Wishneff.

Motion to approve meeting minutes in the chat.

**President Update**

* Shares what is the PTA and encourages everyone to join.
* Encourages everyone to attend meetings, especially the last meeting of the year where we elect our new officers.
* Highlights upcoming PTA meetings including the next one December 5th, where Katie Madigan will present on the new grading. On Feb 6th, we have a doctor who will come and talk about anxiety in elementary aged kids. June 4th we will have elections.
* Fall Clean Up October 15th

**Book Fair Update**

* Dates and times
* Mention of family shopping time
* Ask for volunteers for the fair

**VP Fundraising**

* Pizza night tonight and Cowboy Café night on October 29th.
* No Frills Fundraiser
	+ This is our major fundraiser and where we raise money to support our school.
	+ Playground equipment, seating in the pods, cosmetic and acoustic updates to the cafeteria.
	+ We also use money to fund field trips, any special events, school upgrades, teacher and staff support grants.
	+ Check to see if your company matches donations when you donate.
	+ Harris Teeter does have a program where you can link your VIC card to the school and a portion of your shopping will go toward the school. You must relink this every year.

**VP Communications**

* Jill Bentson is the chair and the one who does our newsletter each week.
* Everything in the newsletter is on the website also.
* Email Jane or Jill to request to join the newsletter.
* Newsletter is drafted Fridays, so Jill needs items in the newsletter on Thursdays.

**Principal Madigan Updates**

* Staff was busy working yesterday on standards-based grading.
* We will have a Halloween parade this year and will be similar time as last year.

**Ashley Burt- Advanced Academics Coach**

* She has a google form that families can use to request information.
* Collaborative learning teams are in each school and they are always looking for ways to extend learning.
* This can look like whole group team modeling, small groups, flexible groups, or changing the difficulty of the topic.
* AAC works with the teacher to implement creative solutions for students.
* AAC has a variety of resources for rigor for each subject that they use to enrich lessons.
* AAC meets with subject teams and pushes into the classroom.
* There are reports that are sent to the families each quarter.
* AAC website through APS has a lot of great information for families also.
* There is a parent committee through APS for advanced academics.
* Ashley’s presentation also has more links and organizations for resources for families.
* She will have a session on the screening process in January.

**Questions**

* When did gifted screening for 3rd grade happen
	+ It will happen in February or March
	+ There is a universal screening in 1st and 2nd grade and then parents can refer students throughout the year.
* Can you explain what the push into classroom is?
	+ Ashley comes into the classroom and helps to support small groups, whole groups using new resources.
* Will parents get any communication during the year if the child is tagged as gifted?
	+ Yes, they will get a quarterly report.
	+ That is not new this year and parents should have gotten this last year.
	+ Reports may or may not be specific to the student.
* What does the gifted program look like in practice?
	+ Sometimes it may not seem different from the class, but they are getting a learning extension.
	+ In middle school there are some intensified courses that students can enroll in.

[Link to Ashley presentation](Taylor%2023-24%20ES%20Fall%20Info%20Night-%20use%20with%20video.pdf)

[Link to Jane presentation](10.10%20PTA%20Meeting%20Presentation%20FINAL.pptx)

[Link to meeting recording](GMT20231010-230408_Recording%20%281%29.m4a)