

General PTA Meeting Notes – February 13, 2024

Around 18 attendees

Started at 7:05 pm

Brian Craine started the meeting –

Principal Update

- Thanks to the Kindergarten team – Ms. China, Ms. Danzig, and Ms. Vanderhoof – all attending this evening
- Great Lunar New Year event – including Dragon and Lion Dance from Edison Chinese Club
- Author visit about Lunar New Year and Asian traditions
- Thanks to Diversity Council for Black History month events – last week, 20 high school students from WOHS Black Student Union read to all the classes; morning announcements for the whole month – and looking forward to culminating event on 2/28
- Thanks to the snack tower, as always and thanks for food for Staff Appreciation event
- Looking forward to several upcoming events

Secretary and Treasurer update

- Brian showed the meeting minutes from January meeting – posted on stcloudpta.com
- Crystal moved to approve meeting minutes, Raquel seconded and all approved
- Brian provided general Financial Summary

Presidents Update

- WOCPTA meeting is also tonight (some Board members attending)
- PTA providing lunch goodies for teachers and staff on Feb 14 –
- Holy Trinity Food Collection Feb 20-29
- School Ideas
 - Working on Coat Hooks for All Purpose Room
 - Garden space being worked on

Diversity Council

- St. Cloud students decorated 250 valentine's for Senior Citizens throughout West Orange, in partnership with West Orange Women's Club
- Assembly for Black History Month – Laser show to highlight significant people in Black History
- Black History Month activity on Feb 28 –
 - Songs, steps, acting, living museum – fun activity for all that evening
 - Will be looking for volunteers to help
- Ramadan activity coming up – looking for volunteers to help committee

5th Grade committee

- February Family Dine Out fundraiser is coming up
- 5th grade will be selling cupcakes and cookies at Feb 28 Black History Month event

- 5th grade will also be selling snacks at Talent Show on 3/8
- T-shirts being ordered for 5th grade field trip on 3/14
- Yearbook packets being sent to 5th grade families this week – be sure to review thoroughly
- 5th grade parents – share photos of your kids to include in yearbook – all photos due by early April
- Read A Thon and Coin Wars coming up – details coming soon

After School Programs (ASP)

- Spring 2024 – Program is expanding!
- Returning classes and new classes available
- Wednesday Folder this week will include ASP catalog
- Need 2-3 parent volunteers each day – volunteers get priority registration
- Set your alarms – registration is Sunday February 25th at 7:30 am

Ways & Mean

- March 22 – Family Skate Night 6:30 – 8:00 pm
- St. Cloud Stars Talent Show – March 8
 - Submission due February 20th – to be included in morning announcements for student reminders
 - Ticket sales start February 21st
 - Tell your kids to submit – can be live, video or art gallery
- April – Jaguar Jog (5th year!)
 - April 17th – kick off pep rally for the students
 - April 26th – Jag jog Run day – Parents, family are all welcome to attend (and volunteer)
 - Theme is World Changers – character traits every day during the program

Communications

- See tomorrow's Wednesday folder for announcements

Cultural Arts

- Students loved the author visit from Yobe Qui and Lunar New year info
- Additional events planning for remainder of year

Membership

- 156 members currently
- Want to increase that number – encourage fellow parents/caregivers to join
- Membership does not require time commitment
- Skate Night – skate rental for a family of 4 will be free on March 8 for any PTA members

Q&A

- Mr. Price confirmed this Friday 2/16 is a half day; Monday 2/19 is President's Day holiday
- The District built in 3 snow days – we've now used 2

Meeting Ended at 7:35 pm