**Ed Team Meeting**

**High Peaks Elementary School, outside**

**March 3, 2022 from 3:10-4:10pm**

In attendance: Chris Basten, Ruby Childs, Lynn Dolph, Zachary Fink, Lauren Harmon, Vanessa Hetzel, Samantha Monk, Emily Skala and Mary Sznewaja.

Welcome – Vanessa introduced Emily Skala, in attendance for her first meeting.

Public Comment – No other parents were in attendance.

Minutes of the Last Meeting – Minutes of the February 3rd meeting were emailed to all Ed Team Board members. Mary made a motion to accept the minutes and the motion was passed by the Board.

Principal’s Report – Chris

Chris reported that parent teacher conferences were super successful. The days were long but everyone was in their element and appreciated the opportunity to share with parents. Chris said February was super busy for him especially. He did classroom observations which was very fun. He said it was great to see great teaching and learning going on. Chris said Christmas’s gnome project brought lots of smiles and the performances were really fun. It brought real positive energy to the school. Chris said the end of the mask mandate was met with joy and concern. He was pleased to report that there have been no issues and everyone has a mutual respect for each other’s decisions about mask wearing. Everyone is enjoying the milder weather. The kids seem super happy but there has been some anxiety for some kids, possibly lingering from the Marshall fire.

Chris also said that the staff had discussed how to spend the Ed Team tech money and was looking into purchasing a smart board for Claire Timblin. Lynn mentioned the 4th grade classroom could use one too.

Vanessa asked Chris if the end of the mask mandate means parents are allowed in the school. He said they are. Vanessa also asked if parents will have opportunities to volunteer. Lauren said that some teachers may not want to disrupt the routine the kids are used to at this point in the year. Some teachers may wish to have volunteers and will reach out individually to parents. Zach mentioned there may be new background check requirements to volunteer in the classroom. Sam asked Chris if he would consider doing a Coffee and tour with parents at the school so they can get to know him better. She suggested having one coffee in the morning after school drop off and one in the evening. Chris was excited about the idea.

Treasurer’s Report – Mary

Mary handed out her report to the Ed Team at the meeting. She said it was pretty straight forward and nothing remarkable to mention. The Board approved the report.

**Old Business**

Marshall Fire – Sam

Sam said the Logan family meal train is fully booked by HP families. She was not sure about the rental supply list.

Fun Run – Sam

The Fun Run is taking place April 8. Zach wondered if that would affect the kids during the testing period (April 5-7 and April 12-14) and April 8 could be a testing makeup date. There was considerable discussion about this and it was decided April 8 should be okay since it is a Friday and may be a good stress reliever. K-2nd grade will be from 8:30am-9:30 and 3rd-5th grades will be 9:45am-10:45. Chris confirmed parents are allowed to attend Fun Run and it is ok to advertise this. Sam said t shirts are ordered. She sent a poll to every teacher for ideas from the students for how to use the money earned from the Fun Run. Playground equipment like tether balls and basketball hoops seem to be popular suggestions. Sam mentioned that Chris offering a tour of the school on Fun Run day may be a good idea too. Vanessa will put a link to the Fun Run fundraiser in the newsletter next week.

It also came up that Battle of the Books is scheduled for April 6 and that may need to be rescheduled due to the testing dates. Mary said she would talk to Sarah Weatherly. Zach said that inviting parents to BOB is not a great idea as the event is silent and it is like watching kids sit and take a test.

Lynn said the STEM Fair is scheduled for May 13.

Yearbook – Mary said it is great that yearbook volunteers can get into the school to take photos now. She said they are reaching out to teachers individually to arrange to take pictures.

**New Business**

Teacher updates and requests

Christmas sent an email to Vanessa prior to the meeting. Vanessa read Christmas’s update on the Gnomo-Gram project: Wow!  I think we have a new High Peak's tradition.  This was so much fun, but next year, I would definitely like help with it.  Because the Dollar Tree gnomes turned out to be so popular that there weren't enough for our fundraiser at local stores, I had to find something comparable on Amazon that could arrive in enough time for Valentine’s Day.  This reduced the amount that we made, which was $165.  If we had been able to use the Dollar Tree gnomes, we would have made 3 x's as much!  Next year, gnomes in hand before the launch!  I have the $ but am not sure which organization to give it to.

Christmas also included a request in the email for $650 in funding for the 5th grade to have a “Shakespeare and Violence Prevention Program” in lieu of the Shakespeare performance by the 5th grade. The Board discussed this and decided they would prefer the kids got to do something more focused on fun, without a focus on violence, especially given the world right now and the recent fire.

Valentine’s Day buffet feedback – Teachers did not have a favorable response.

Upcoming Teacher and Staff Breakfasts will be on April 6 and May 4.

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2-6.

Moo Mobile and Restaurant nights – Ruby

Ruby has scheduled the Moo Mobile for March 29 and May 17. Ruby asked for input on these dates. The Board discussed and thought the dates were good. Ruby thought a sign out front of the school directing parents to the Moo Mobile at pick up would be great. Ruby also has Noodles scheduled for March 30. Vanessa will put these dates in the newsletter.

5th Grade Continuation – Zach said it will take place the last day of school, May 26. 5th grade will be at Calwood May 23-25 and Field Day is May 20. He said the teachers will rely on 5th grade parents to volunteer to help with the ceremony. The event may be inside or outside and there will be no limits on attendance.

The meeting was adjourned.

Following the meeting Chris gave Mary, Sam and Vanessa a quick tour of the school.

Upcoming Ed Team meetings: Thursday, April 7 and May 5 from 3:10 - 4:10pm.

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