

GESPTA Board meeting 04/09/08.

Accepting checks over \$100?

Should we accept a check over 100 for silent auction?

Ms. Seidel will put me in contact with Wendy Gegan re: internet access. for using pay-pal. If we can't get permission to use

- set up pay-pal regardless
- use CC if we can
- if we cant - use checks with a contract (Written by John G)

We got new insurance good through May 1st - we now have to go through the state

As a result, babysitting for meetings - we need to have 3 sitters instead of 2. 2 adults over 18 and then additional 10 requires another person (does not need to be over 18); Will need to add into the budget.

Will we write letters soliciting donations around free money time?

Perhaps we can encourage people to spend back into the community - via writing includes contact info to other groups and links via web site.

ACE could be a fiscal agent. We can announce at next meeting. Anne will talk to Jon and Jeff.

Benkhe fundraiser - Kirsten is ready to do it - should we do it? Yes.

Can we fund faculty who volunteer for after hours activities? School web site for instance.

Budget:

The budget put together by Jeff seems to be holding together very well.

Miscellaneous account- used for things we all agree on but don't have a line item on the budget for.

Misc income - \$1400.00 - thats a lot of mic income.

We don't need to approve until the June meeting.

Would like to see more \$\$ to cultural arts programs. (ms. Seidel) if possible.

We have "art programming" line on the budget.

Should we lump school assemblies in with arts? That would preclude non arts assemblies. In school programming pays for assemblies.

Teachers liked yojo - but students might not want to see the same program next year. Perhaps skip a year?

Murals on the walls in the schools? Ask arts committee.

Should get Mr. The Art guy and Ms Case on committee.

County will paint the school (if budget allows) but we have to pick their colors.

We are underspending the amount we have - not clear if we are underspending the budget.

K is taking a lot of field trips - is this something the pTA helped wit? No. P. Seidel encourages field trips. Will this be affected by budget cuts? Not so much. It nice for PTA to help.

Would PTA money help. Probably, but chaperones help too. Teachers should know PTA has money for field trip.

Carol -

Region II parent advisory board meeting. Would be nice to find out when the remaining meetings are this year.

Explained how parents can express concerns to the system. This would be good - will help parents to go to the teacher first. (post to web site)

Gave summary of principals meting - talking about changing how to give grades and what factors are used. New method has not been approved by the board. (post to web site)

Should share with parents at Septembers meetings.

Continuing discussions regarding graduation requirements
special education updates

IEP's will be online. (could have Ms Payne come and talk)

Emergencies procedure drill went well - will try to expand to other schools.

Accountable talk - IFL - Americas choice - a program for teachers at some schools.

Talked about school improvement status.

Dually identified students.

Upcoming events -

Open House - need PTA table. No volunteers yet. Perhaps too far of.
Jacob will be there. Will send invited to delegates.

Teacher appreciation week - Anne and Kirsten will organize.

Next PTA meeting - elections are the only thing on the agenda so far. (someone
volunteered to be secretary)

"A device by which people mingle" - watch reading rockets video then discuss?

field trip to the computer lab?

destination imagination?

See eilen re PTA forms in Kindergarten registration forms.