

NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL

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The Parent Teacher Association Executive Meeting

Date: Monday, March 11, 2019

Type: Monthly Executive Meeting

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Notice Provided in Advance: Yes

Location: TNS PTA Room

Present:

Meeting called to order at 8:35am.

1. Approval of previous minutes
 - a. Approved.
2. Treasurer's Report & start thinking budget for next year (accountant, enrichment etc)
 - a. On track.
 - b. CD opening. Need 2 executives to handle this, not Treasurer.
3. Farm trip, fundraisers
 - a. \$3200 from Hamilton fundraiser for farm trip.
 - b. Majority of kids going, and most families have paid all or above ask price.
 - c. Ashokan fee is \$18,665, not including bus. \$2173 per bus x 2: \$4346.
 - i. Expect 5-6k deficit for Ashokan.
 - ii. Only 3 kids didn't attend.
 - d. For next year:
 - i. Be clear about total cost for Ashokan, like we did for farm trip.
 - ii. PTA to provide customized sheet for teachers to track attendance/payment for Farm/Ashokan trips.
4. Library
 - a. STAR not paying for library next year. Dyanthe will talk to district to see if there's money available. Grants looking for opportunities, but difficult because this is staffing; might be way to justify if tied to programming.
 - b. Half-time: Cheryl would be here 2.5 days. Dyanthe to help her find another position in district 1. STAR would find someone for checking out books.
 - c. TNS and STAR parents planning to meet to advocate for library, get out word.
 - d. PTA to create petition. Petition to go out, including flyers/backpack mail.
5. School lunch update
 - a. Looked at Dec, Jan, Feb lunch numbers and favorites and results of survey. See below.
 - b. Discussed ways to increase participation. PTA to look at suggestions from families in minutes from last general meeting.
6. Literacy documents

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- a. Dyanthe pulled together 3 different documents detailing literacy curriculum at TNS, defining reading levels and strategies to help support students at home to share with families.
 - b. Will be shared with families once reviewed/discussed by teachers. Will be translated into Spanish as well.
7. Set agenda for upcoming PTA General Meeting (March 21)
- a. Approval of previous minutes
 - b. Principal/president updates
 - i. Library
 - ii. School lunch
 - iii. State testing update
 - c. Treasurer's report
 - d. Events updates
 - e. Committee updates

Meeting adjourned at 9:35am.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL - SCHOOL LUNCH ANALYSIS

Data on daily orders calculated from 12/3/2018 through 2/27/2019. Each number represents orders for a particular day that month.

*Excluding days where 1 or more classes were out on a trip.

December 2018

Pizza - 128
Burgers – 99, 97
Chicken dumplings 98
Beef tacos - 74
Bean Quesadilla – 72
Zucchini Parmigiana – 58
Spinach and mozzarella quesadilla - 57
Chickpea tagine - 31

January 2019

Pizza – 126
Burgers – 108, 99, 88, 87
Beef tacos – 73
Sliced turkey – 73

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Chicken dumplings - 70
Pasta fagioli - 63
Veggie tacos – 57
Zucchini Parmigiana – 56
Spinach and mozzarella quesadilla – 49, 54
Chickpea tagine – 34, 36

February 2019

Pizza – 126, 106, 104
Burger - 77
Pasta fagioli – 74, 66
Veggie tacos – 72
Spinach and mozzarella quesadilla – 56
Zucchini Parmigiana – 55
Veggie chilli - 48
*chickpea tagine served over the school break

Chickpea tagine clearly not a fan favorite. Action steps, send recipe and March monthly menu home to parents.

Total class hot lunch orders over a 3 month (Dec-Feb) period. Excluding pb&j, hummus and cheese sandwich.

SOFIA/JOANNE	174
CATLIN	181
GRACE/CAROLINE	226
ALEXIS/CORINTHIA	264
DIANNE/SHAQUAWN	282
HANNA	293
OLIVIA/LINDSEY	294
SHANIQUA/CHELSEA	311
WANDA	321
JANE	350
ERIN	362
DARA	404
MATT	408

SCHOOL SURVEY (as of 3/11 TNS 33 respondents, STAR 11 respondents)

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33% eat lunch a few times a week

60% love the pizza the most

40% disliked the veggie tacos, 37% chickpea tagine

46% love the corn side, 33% sweet plantains

44% dislike the spinach

45% never tried the salad bar

45% get the hummus on occasions

22% didn't know hummus was an option, 31% didn't know tuna was an option