



Blanche Sims ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PTO Meeting Minutes

Tuesday April 10, 2018 4pm

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- ✚ MStep testing starts this week!
 - Thank you to Mrs. Lovely's class and parents for assembling 600 snack bags and notes for the upper-el kids to show support for their testing!
 - Teachers showed much thanks for this also!
- ✚ Sims had a lot of participation for World Down Syndrome Day and Epilepsy Awareness Day. It was great to see the excitement of supporting these causes

TEACHER REPORT

- ✚ Thank you for the conference dinner meals! They are a huge help to teachers running in and out between conferences!
- ✚ PTO was asked to try and not schedule event during the 2 weeks of conferences

SUMMER SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

- ✚ There has been much interest in summer school and scholarships to offset the cost for families
- ✚ PTO has been asked to discuss whether we can help with funding the scholarships for Sims

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

- ✚ Teacher Appreciation week is May 7-11, 2018
- ✚ Plans will be coming for this week

END OF THE YEAR PARTY

- ✚ We're in the early planning stages for this event
- ✚ Planning a school wide end of the year party instead of individual classroom parties

EGG HUNT AND BINGO RECAP

- 📌 Went well! We had over 200 participants this year!
- 📌 Kids and families had a lot of fun searching for eggs and then went into gym for BINGO. Students took turns as bingo number callers and had a blast!

MUFFINS AND DONUTS

- 📌 Muffins for Mom is planned for May 3rd
- 📌 Donuts for Dad is planned for June 7th
- 📌 Will be sending a sign-up genius out this year for seating times. Doing it this way is new this year, but essential due to the number of participants we are expecting

SPRING FAIR

- 📌 Event is on May 11th from 6-9pm
- 📌 Bounce houses, carnival games, food truck (new!), Kona Ice, cake walk, Dunk Tank (!)
- 📌 Raffle items on the stage
- 📌 Teacher Time Raffle

BRICK PAVERS

- 📌 Information going home this week for Brick Pavers
- 📌 Due date in April 30th
- 📌 Will be installed by PTO in spring / early summer

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

- 📌 Friday April 13th
- 📌 Showing "The Greatest Showman"
- 📌 Concessions will be sold
- 📌 Free popcorn

OPEN BOARD POSITIONS FOR 2018-2019

- 📌 All board positions are open for next school year
- 📌 Can let Erica Lentz know if you're interested in a position until May 1st
- 📌 Ballot vote at the May PTO meeting

SCHOOL SUPPLY BOXES

- ✚ Working with a supply company to offer parents the opportunity to purchase their student's school supplies in a bulk box specifically for their class
- ✚ Teachers generally submit their supply lists at the end of the school year
- ✚ More information coming

OPEN DISCUSSION

- ✚ Teacher assignments will come out in August for 2018-2019 school year
- ✚ At the Oakview PTO meeting it was decided that they will partner with Sims next year for Trivia Night! Looking at Saturday dates in September for this. Thank you to the Taylor family for organizing this
- ✚ LOPD is putting in permanent "No Parking" signs on the west side of the building in the drive
- ✚ The community garden is still being planned for Sims. Sending off soil samples to MSU for testing and working out the details