PTSA Meeting Notes: 9/16/26

Housekeeping

- **Membership count:** 89 members
- **Approval of previous minutes:** June minutes approved
- **YMCA:** introduction and discussion of the annual campaign
    - Fundraising plan for the auction
    - Enrollment for before- and after-school care
    - Afternoon: 4 teachers (60 kids); morning: 3 teachers (45 kids)

Agenda

Calendar, Upcoming Events & Chair Updates

- The Nov 11 meeting falls on Veterans Day and moves to **Nov 12**. David Jackson submitted building use forms; no objections.

Fall events

- **Round Table Takeover:** Oct 14
- **Masquerade:** planning details discussed (date, time, etc.)
- **Read-a-thon** (fundraiser): looking for volunteers, prizes, and help making swag tags. Big time commitment.
- **Book Fair:** Nov 4, 5, 6 (start of Read-a-thon)
    - Works with Grit City Bookstore
    - Help needed with setup (homemade-style setup in the library), opening the door, cashiering, and teardown
    - Students and teachers are asked what kinds of books they want; sign-ups are on Voluntold
    - Library receives the proceeds to buy more books
- **Night Market:** beginning of December. Kids create things to sell; proceeds go to Sherman and non-profits. Volunteers needed to open the door.

Back to School Survey & Co-Chair Outreach

- 58 survey responses received
- Reach out to respondents about co-chairing upcoming events; talk to the Volunteer Coordinator
- Voluntold website lists opportunities to help

- Room parents needed for 3 classes
- PTSA contact list: reminded folks to sign up

FACE Committee Introduction

- Set a meeting schedule
- Provide a space for people to bring ideas for inclusion
- Focus on working with co-chairs to make events as inclusive and thoughtful as possible

5th Grade Committee

- No grant this year: the district lost the (federal) grant
- PTSA has lined out $7k for 5th grade camp
- Cost is $375 per kid, or $285 after the PTSA donation; goal is to bring it down to $200 – 220 through fundraisers
- Seeking corporate sponsors to "sponsor a cabin"
- Bear Car Wash voucher fundraiser
- Goal: make this sustainable
- Camp Seymor: 2 nights in April

FY 26/27 Budget

Revisions approved

- $7k for 5th grade camp
- Printing costs for back-to-school packets set at $700
- $1,500 for charging infrastructure (laptops stay in school)
- **I**nitiate a $3,000 line for a door badge reader, contingent on District not covering the cost

Revisions wanted

Approval: motions to amend and approve the budget passed unanimously.

STEAM / PBL / SCDM Update

- **Ask:** door badge reader, $3,000

Site Center Decision Making Committee

- **Oct 1:** STEAM Night
- Safety Committee to develop a safety plan for the school
- Changes to the lunch schedule so fewer kids are in the lunchroom at a time

Question: how are we doing with enrollment, and can classes still be mixed up?

- 423 students, TK-5th
- Roughly over by at least 1 (3 or 4) in grades 3-5, not enough to force another teacher
- We are not in a place to lose teachers

Adjourned at 7:39 pm.