

# Mesa Elementary School PTO General Meeting Notes

## Feb 2, 2024, 8:30am

### Attendees

Anna Abboud, April Busch, Carrie Simpson, Jill Walter, Josh Baldner, Justine Prothro, Kristin Campbell, Megan Maguire, Michelle Duvall, Pete Minor, Sunny van der Star

### Introductions

- What makes/helps you pay attention?

### Budget - Anna

- Nothing much has changed
- Mesa is on track for budget based on projections
- Expect to carry \$15k or so into next year, which is in ballpark of the \$20k reserve

### Carrie

- Carrie made motion to approve January minutes
  - Anna seconded
  - 10 voted yes, 1 abstained (Kristin)
- Carrie said there was a one page document created about Oasis that will be added to the website
- Carrie then passed around the ground proposal Sunny got
  - \$10k is needed for breeze, the first part of the ground cover
  - Additional \$10k is needed for turf, which goes on top of breeze
- Pete asked if we could just do regular grass? Asked about any other options that might be more economical
  - There was then a discussion about various ground covers and their positives/negatives
  - Unfortunately breeze & turf at \$20k are the best options
- Sunny mentioned there are other things in the works that won't cost us money - donations of logs/rocks, grants for outdoor art, etc
- Carrie made a motion that Fun Run funds will be earmarked to go to Oasis
  - Sunny seconded
  - Pete abstained, everyone else voted for it

### April Busch

- Thanked everyone for the tables, kids were super excited to eat outside this past week
- She asked about details for the Fun Run

### Principal's report

- Mesa just passed our 100th day of school
- Every spring the leadership team gets together to work on the master schedule - PE, literacy, etc
- Josh mentioned FET, spoke about how they do a lot of thought process ideas, lead to discussion about culture at school/getting families involved
  - Is there a way that the teachers can be at the monthly coffee?
  - A lot of other countries have a culture around a shadow day
  - Maybe one day a week (ie every Thursday) one family gets to come in?
- Megan asked if we can work on the fall calendar at the end of spring

- The idea of a Design challenge got mentioned
- Field trips
  - Can we have an idea/feeling of how many field trips there will be?
- Mesa will have the only preschool in the south Boulder area next year
  - Mesa has better/more accommodating spaces for preschool kids
  - Preschool model is changing, needs more space
- Back to school night was mentioned, specifically the scavenger hunt model; they liked how you got to know what your kids does in class

#### Fun Run

- Fri May 3
- A planning meeting will be set up, it's open to everyone
- Theme is Mesa Oasis

#### Multi Cultural Event - Anna

- Need help with set up, otherwise Anna feels pretty good about everything