Mesa Elementary PTO Meeting  
January 15, 2020 8:25 am

**Attendance:** Delia Cook, Michelle Kalinski, Leah Winski, Josh Baldner, Karli Gronholm, Kristen Reiss, Shayna Linn, Mike Lakritz, Molly Stauffer, Lauren, Carrie Simpson. Meeting Minutes from November 13, 2019 – Michelle motioned to approve, all agreed.

**District Report - Mike Lakritz** Mike meets monthly with district wide BVSD meetings (District Parent Council), where the superintendent leads the meetings. He mentioned that if there are ever district wide meetings where the PTO would like things brought up, to please communicate that to him. Delia brought up Spanish and wondering where that discussion currently stands. Mike said there is district-wide support, but it’s just a matter of logistics. Josh said there is a Spanish Taskforce who are working on making a 7 hour school day across the board for BVSD. Mike said that transportation is the biggest part of changing school schedules.

**Treasurer’s Report – Kristen/Leah** Matters at Mesa campaign has brought in roughly $55,000 so far with 60% participation from the parent community. We’ve seen more people giving higher than the $300 ask, but still lots of families not participating at all. Josh said that we’ve done better at keeping our school bank account balanced more regularly, thanks to Evi’s help. Carrie brought up that she wants to know why so many people aren’t giving and she feels like it could be helpful to have a classroom liaison who helps communicate what these funds pay for. Delia asked Lauren and Molly for feedback on the direct-ask campaign and if they understand what the money goes towards. Lauren said yes, she understands what the money goes towards, Shayna mentioned that sometimes everyone doesn’t read everything that goes into Friday folders, so perhaps an additional contact method would be helpful. 

Josh mentioned that we should be able to include more specifics about Matters at Mesa in the email that goes out to the Mesa community about school supplies to keep it a simple, click in 2 spots to make your donation and buy supplies.

**Principal’s Report – Josh** Mesa’s staff would like math professional development, utilizing the maker-space, and Mesa continuing to strive to be a welcoming school and discussing race, gender identity, alongside literacy pieces provided by BVSD.

Spanish update - Isabelle is the current Spanish teacher and is getting ready to start teaching the second group of kids. We’d like to get to the goal of a second instructor where we have classes taught 3 mornings a week.

**Fun Run Update - Michelle Kalinski** We need to pick a date, what we’re raising funds for, and what our goal is. This year is a color run. Everyone liked the capes. Delia moves to get sponsorships for the event to offset some of the costs of capes etc. 11 agree, 0 disagree. We will include head start to participate this year, too. We are looking at Thursday, May 7th for the Fun Run this year! Last year we made around $20,000. Josh motions to stick with Boosterthon for the donations/online component but not to have them here for the day of the event. 11 agree, 0 disagree.

Kristen asked if it’s OK for parents to receive a donation letter through Cheddar Up opposed to us giving them to everyone. Everyone agrees that this would be fine and likely easier for parents to receive notices of their tax donations to Mesa’s PTO.

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:43 am**