

CTA Freedom PTO General Meeting

October 23rd, 2018

- **Welcome/ approval of minutes-** Sarah Felix opened the meeting and minutes from the previous meeting were approved.
- **Principal's message/A+ committee-** Mrs. Druck discussed the process that the school staff is going through at this time to be recognized as an **A+ school of excellence**. This is separate from the letter rating that all schools get from the state. This is a recognition from Arizona Educational Foundation. The last time CTA did this was in 2011. It is a lengthy application of 50 questions with detailed criteria. The process started by the staff in August and will continue thru December. Parents may be contacted to give input in various areas. Mrs. Druck handed out sheets with 6 areas for input. If you have feedback or quotes for the application, please contact the office. (you can do so anonymously) As part of the information gathering, Ms. Colella is also looking for input on Spaulding and how it compares to other programs. The application is step one of the process. Step two involves a 2-day site visit to validate the aspects of the application. This will also involve panels to meet with the team. These panels will be one with parents, one with students, and one with staff. More information will be sent thru emails.
- **Mother/Son event recap-** positive feedback was received regarding the event. No suggestions for changes were made for next year.
- **Financial update-** Erin Foley had the financial statement available, reflecting from the first of the school year thru the end of September. No concerns were stated at this time. There has been more spending as preparations are made for the first fundraiser next week.
- **Fall Festival** – November 2nd 5-8 pm

Wristbands are now on sale. The price is slightly higher than last year based on feedback recieved. Only kids need wristbands and there is a family deal. The festival will have a DJ, photo booth, 20-30 carnival games, silly string teacher contest (coin jars currently in the library) , glitter tattoos, nail bar, glitter hair spray, several inflatables, vendors, silent auction, food trucks including a hot dog cart (more affordable option) and more. There are currently 12 vendors committed and still looking for more. There are many items in the silent auction including ASU tickets, D-back tickets, Total Wine private class, gift cards for shopping, restaurants and more. All teachers are also donating an experience for the auction. There is ½ day for all the special teachers and ½ as Principal for the day! There are raffle tickets for sale for silly stringing Mrs. Druck and Ms. Liu! There are also raffle tickets for a mattress from Tuft and Needle. Thanks to Dad's club, Student Council, and teachers who have donated their time to help at the event.

Parent volunteers are needed before the event, day of for set up, during the event and for clean-up. If you available to help, please email the PTO or watch for signup genius on FB.

- **Questions/Suggestions** An idea was presented to have inspiration quotes on the walls or even stall doors. This idea is being explored. Suggested using a parent volunteer day to make it happen.

Next meeting will be Tuesday **January 29th, 2019 at 3 pm**

Homework passes will be sent home through child's teacher.

