

PTO Meeting

Date: 9/10/19 5:45 pm

Elementary Library

Attendees:

Colleen Krogman, Dawn Banks, Rana Webster, Beth Happe, Jen Troll, Brenda Halverson, Joni Rezac,

Kristina Whiteley, Bekah Kentfield, Dana Yonker, Wendi Eckelberg, Lisa Roetman, Aria Dooley, Marianne Moser

Topics:

Welcome & short introductions:

Registration numbers:

- 306 not counting 3-year olds – 26 new kids to the school.

Updates from last year:

- Tax Exempt update (Colleen): DONE! Setting up account with Amazon since we are now tax free.

Format of PTO meetings (Colleen):

- Plan this year to keep the meeting to just 1 hour and use this time to mainly update everyone on committees and what's in the works.

Volunteer forms & Committee Sign-ups (Aria):

- Several committees need your help!! Please sign up. We passed around a sign-up sheet during the meeting and the committee contact chair will be in touch. Email Aria Dooley if you want to volunteer or simply have some ideas to share. Her email is: ariabiondi@gmail.com

Principal Report (Beth):

- Leadership group composed of teachers – wanted to feedback/ focus & support each other. They also have a Learning Thursday 1 x a week/ 1 x a month. Group gathers to see what kids need help – SWAG 1x a month. Behavior and Academics group meet needs of all kids. Last Thursday of each month is a big meeting. PD Meeting – 3 instructional coaches among others. TLC (Teacher Leadership Committee) work with colleagues and have been doing a lot of great work. Success team- focus on mindfulness and care for students and is on the front burner and important.

Treasurer Report (Wendi & Lisa):

- Lisa shared report for September. Beginning Balance: \$6063.69. Ending Balance: \$5766.04
- Budget approval: Proposed budget shared, but considering this was the first year completing it might be “off”. Once school gets going we will have a better idea throughout the year and for next year.
- Fundraising goals: Trying to do away with door-to-door fundraising but do need to make money for the PTO and pay for our expenses. Sending an “alternative fundraiser” this

year, providing families the option to donate cash directly to PTO without having to do any other work (i.e. door to door)

- Technology Updates: n/a
- Suggestions made last year on how to spend money this year:

Basketball hoops on new concrete

T-shirts for PK and Kindergarten field trips- decision was made that we won't be doing this.

SWAG store – Beth Happe said they will let PTO know as needs arise throughout the year.

Technology Teacher

IPad updates in classrooms.

- New suggestions how to spend money this year:

Beth Happe will continue to communicate message in the staff meeting to reach out to

PTO as classroom needs arise.

- Field Trips \$12 per student – agreed to this, if teachers need more they will make individual requests
- We would like teachers to come to meetings to make requests; however, this is not always possible. Teachers can submit requests to PTO email. Possible to ask them to submit requests at start of year – at least indicate where/when they are going. Beth Happe will ask teachers

All grades go on field trips – 6th grade wants to do something special.

Box Tops (Colleen):

- Must scan receipts now. There are some to clip off boxes, but most are only on receipts. Suggest everyone get the app on their phones.
- Rethink how to reward classrooms as we won't be able to decipher – Discussed ideas from the group: put on Facebook & email families. No volunteers to do this.

Upcoming events:

- Kindness Rocks (Colleen): Fri., Sept. 27th 6 – 8pm: family event and will charge \$5 per person. Held in cafeteria. Need volunteers to help the night of (set up, distribute supplies, clean up)
- Trunk or Treat (Aria) 10/26/19 starting at 3-5 pm. Need trunks to sign up!!! Only 5 so far have signed up. Will have: chili & hot dogs as well as baked goods for sale. There will be a trophy for best decorated trunk & costume.
- Fall Dance (Cassandra): \$5 per student. Fri., Oct. 25 3:30 – 5:30pm (After school) Halloween theme – students dress up. Will there be concessions? In the past the Booster Club has provided.

Kathy Higgins is DJ

- Fall Conferences:

Book Fair (Cassandra):

Tues., Nov. 5th 3:30 – 8pm

Thurs., Nov. 7th 12:30 – 7:30pm

Will need volunteers – Cassandra will send sign up closer to event

Dinner:

Colleen brought up the concern with Food trucks showing up during the conferences due to weather & prior experiences.

FCCLA/ Spanish Club may want to host one night – need to check with them.

Suggestion came up having a Spaghetti dinner for MStM families. Looking for someone to head this up. Kristina Whitley offered but asked if she could get back to us. Could ask Jen Troll to help lead meal as well. Beth Happe suggested having cold meat sandwiches and has gone over well when this was served at teacher PD day.

Decisions:

- Serve Tues night (unless FCCLA/Spanish Club already has plans)
- Meal: pasta, red sauce, alfredo sauce, meatballs, salad, bread
- Needs: request donations from Olive Garden, Barilla, Hy-Vee & Fareway
- Approx. 6 volunteers per shift (collect \$, serve food, cleaning tables)
- Teacher will receive a voucher for free meal

Open discussion:

PTO Newsletter: Aria plans to complete each month. Will highlight teachers or students. Provide contact info & upcoming events & any needs as they arise.

Tentative PTO Calendar of Events:

September:

- 9/10/19: Sept Meeting
- 9/27/19: Kindness ROCKS!

October:

- 10/2/19: Custodian Recognition Day
- 10/8/19: Oct meeting
- 10/26/19: Trunk or Treat
- 4th, 5th, 6th grade dance

November:

- 11/5 & 11/7: Conferences (Book Fair & Spaghetti Dinner)
- 11/12/10: Nov meeting
- Family Movie @ Theatre

December:

- Holiday Shoppe
- Winter Event for Teachers & Associates
- No meeting

January:

- 1/14/20: January meeting
- 1/24/20: Roller Skating
- Sleepy Hollow

February:

- 2/11: Feb Meeting
- TBD: Parents Night Out

March:

- No Meeting
- 3/10 & 3/12: Conferences (Book Fair)
- 3/28: Carnival

April:

- 4/14: April meeting
- 4/24: Administrative Professional Day

May:

- 5/1/20: School Principal Day
- 5/5/20: Teacher Appreciation Day
- 5/6/20: School Nurse Day
- Field Day
- 5/12/20: May meeting & Volunteer Appreciation Event

MSTM PTO Treasurer Report

September 2019

Previous Balance: \$6,063.69

Debit Credits

Amazon (Return credit) \$41.01

Check 1767 (Fruit for field day) \$61.00

Check 1768 (Fruit for field day) \$7.76

PTO Today \$149.00

Deposit (Online donation) \$124.00

Iowa Secretary of State \$5.00

Iowa Secretary of State \$20.00

Subscription (Learning A-Z) \$109.95

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\$462.66 \$165.01

Total: \$5,766.04