

PTO Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2022 pm

Meeting called to order by Mark Whatley at 7:01

In Attendance: Mary Brazil, Alicia Owsley, Lea Tumaneng, Emily Duenas, Katie Smith, Shawna Bouligny, Tom Jones, Jessica Martinez, Katy McGuire, Julia McGurk, Aimee Holloway, Diane Woodruff, Mark Whatley, Bonnie Sanders, Leah Kletnieks

Introductions made by those in attendance.

Approval of June Minutes: Emily Duenas moved to approve the June meeting minutes; motion seconded by Leah Kletnieks.

Principal's Report : We are all leaders. Shared the 17 hard things to be a great leader. There will be district wide professional learning communities; all elementary sites have a block by grade level. We will implement universal access time for each grade level. Most schools are focusing on reading and filling in the skills that are missing. This is new for the teachers. There is a vulnerability in trying something new. We are using Dreambox for online math games. It starts to get games that match each student's level; we are averaging about 56 minutes per week per student. Mathematics is lower at our site than ELA.

Teacher's Report: The ice cream social was wonderful. So many families attended. We are so grateful for all you do. Thank you for all the activities you plan. Close to 500 individuals attended this event.

Treasurer's Report: The new fiscal year is starting; we need to vote for a budget for this coming school year. The 2017/2018 school year was used to get the proposed numbers. Will meet with Mr. Jones to look at staff expenses and numbers to be current. Staff expenses can be supplies, field trips, or special events. 25\$ per student for maximum allowed in that classroom. Running club will cost a little more this year. Leah Kletnieks motions to approve new budget; Katy McGuire seconded.

PCIC Report: Leah will still represent us this year at the monthly meetings. PCIC stand for parent communication information council. There is a 2 hour meeting monthly at the district office. A representative from each school site attends along with district representatives and community members. Informal meeting today for new superintendent to explain the new vision for the group and some changes within the district. We would like to focus on getting more dad involvement. One school started a sports league in their school. Some dad's did a sports league for three months at a time. Perhaps a cornhole tournament would be fun. Some school sites no longer have ESS. Instead they are using Right at School. A representative from Right at School was interested in helping the schools and activities; they offered child care at PTO meetings, even at sites not using them. The library will do a summer and winter reading program this year. Oct 12 is rock and roll to school day. Oct 19 is Unity Day which promotes

kindness, and inclusion. Please wear orange that day. There will be an activity each day that week.

Old Business

Black Top Resealing and Restriping: We still do not have new arrows in the parking lot. All the campuses and playgrounds were resealed and striped. Lots of projects at the district. Mr Jones's will send another email.

Library makeover: We still would like to get a giant wall clock and new blinds. We tried to make it a friendlier and cozier environment.

PTO Positions: Most of the positions have been filled. We still need a Multicultural night chair as well as a yearbook co-chair.

Welcome Breakfast: Welcome breakfast for K/TK had a good turnout and seemed similar to past years.

Ice Cream Social: As previously stated, the Ice Cream Social was a huge success. We average 15 bowls per tub of ice cream.

After school enrichment: We had 4 programs before covid. We want to bring back Young Rembrandts. We will send a survey to see what the parents/teachers might want, maybe something stem based or theater based. We need to clean out our room for the classes. We could also use the blacktop or MPR, depends on the type of class. Maybe sports rotating? Must make sure we like the vendor and that they are vetted by the district.

New Business

Yearbook Cover Contest: All covers that were submitted are displayed around the library. Right after meeting, the PTO can vote. Children's names are covered. The winner is the cover and the runner-up is the back cover, but all entries make it into the yearbook.

Spirit Wear: We are very low on youth T-shirts; most t-shirt prices remained the same, but sweatshirts went up since last year, and our sales tax went up. We need to raise the price of sweatshirts. Motion to raise cost by Katy McGuire, motion seconded by Emily Duenas.

Ice Cream Sales: Going great and it is nice being inside. Need a sign to say where to enter and exit. We can put one garbage can outside.

Volunteers: Drivers for field trips need lifescan and tb test. Volunteers working with kids in the hallway is considered supervised. District working to make it more affordable. Wheels, the local bus service, offers two trips per year in town for each teacher. Individual who visits one for

classroom event is a visitor. Fingerprinting for those volunteered for an event until Oct 3. is extended because people signed up prior to knowing that would be a requirement.

Field Trip: The third grade teachers would like to go to Ravenswood in December. LARPD will pay for this field trip. Will look at the cost for a bus. Black Tie Limosine helped when the high school was getting solar.

AR Funding: There was a grant last year to pay for AR. This year PTO will cover the cost. This program motivates kids to read. Kids can earn medals etc. Costs 5,017 for the whole school. Money comes from our literacy fund account (funded from read-a-thon). We can sign up for a reduced pricing for multiple years. There is a group discount for the school district. Motion to approve AR funding by Emily Duenas, and seconded by Jessica Martinez.

Open discussion:

- Please vote for the yearbook covers after the meeting.
- Running club starts Friday. 46 kids signed up for Friday.
- Halloween parade will take place again this year.

Announcements:

- Reimbursements checks will take a little bit longer because we are transferring names at bank.
- Spirit day next week.
- Staff luncheon Sept 23.
- Calendar is updated online.
- Oct. 4 picture day.
- Fall conferences Oct 10-21.

Meeting adjourned - 8:13