PTO Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2023 Meeting called to order by Mark Whatleyn at 7:01

In Attendance: Mary Brazil, Susan Lawson, Mark Whatley, Shannon Smith, Samantha Linford, Aimee Holloway, Emily Stout-Garcia, and Katy McGuire.

Approval of Minutes: Aimee Holloway moved to approve the December 2022 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Katy McGuire. All voted in favor.

Reports

Principal's Report: We are happy to be back to school with students. Teachers are reviewing our behavioral expectations this week to ensure success after a couple of weeks away. Hoping we can have our Wednesday morning meeting, but will have to see if weather permits. Our intervention/enrichment groups begin this week at all grade levels, which is very exciting. Grade levels shared that the first round resulted in great growth overall for students. They are excited to have fine-tuned the process for the second round. This is heavily data-driven to meet the kids at their needs.

Teacher's Report: Thank you for the winter break meal. Everyone was excited and everyone loved the meal.

Some would like to look into a book vending machine as an award system for stingray stars. The books and vending machines cost money. Who would run this and come up with the criteria to earn the books? Emily will look into the cost. Maybe we can do a trial with a bookshelf to keep initial costs down.

Treasurer's Report: The statement balance has been updated. Total profit for the Holiday Gift shop was \$1561.33. The Fun Run made 258% of its goal. Teachers have spent 36% of what has been allotted to them. Venmo is now okay for non-profits to use and it has a lower transaction fee. But, parents will need to have the venmo app in order to use it. The staff has not met yet to discuss their wants and needs regarding the AR program and if we want to just do the point system or if we also want to use the testing portion. The best cost savings is to sign up for two years at a time. This year, the vendor that sent items for the holiday shop ran slow with the shipments. A new vendor will be looked at for next year. The holiday gift shop is not looked at as a fundraiser. Special projects: Miscellaneous Funds will be used for the Leadership funding. The long term sub in 5th grade is asking for the full teacher fund allotment of \$800. Susan Lawson motions to approve the \$800 funding; motion seconded by Katy McGuire. All in favor.

PCIC Report: Meeting has been rescheduled till next Tuesday.

Old business

Staff Luncheon: Everything was wonderful. Everyone showed up and enjoyed.

Trail of Lights: Katy can get the signs from those who collected them. Successful event which was fun.

Leadership Squad: There will be a report for the next meeting. They would like to help with the Wednesday morning announcements.

New Business

After School Enrichment: Skyhawks is offering a multi-sports class. So far, 24 spots are filled and 16 are open. Jodie mentioned offering a crafts class at the last meeting. She will present some information to us about that. The new coordinator is Cassandra Lopez. Auction: \$5000 worth of donations.

Paint Night: Registration closes tomorrow, but will take sign-ups until Friday. Help is needed to put together the paint kits.

Read-a-Thon: Packets will go home the first week of February.

Family Night Out: The next two events are set up for Americano and Melo's. The last few events have not done as well as they have in the past.

Spirit Day: Rainbow day is next Wednesday the 18th.

BMX Assembly: The assembly is scheduled for March 23. The price went up from \$1000 to \$1275. Susan Lawson motioned to approve the increase for the budget. Katy McGuire seconded. All in favor. Budget increased to \$1300 for next year.

Movie Night: Movie night will be on February 10th. It will be streamed to avoid dvr/technical difficulties. A flyer will be made to promote the event.

Open Positions: We need a new chair for ice cream sales and spirit wear sales.

Open Discussion

*Ice cream sales will be canceled tomorrow due to weather.

*Ms. Yen is retiring after this year. She has many games and will donate to the PTO for use at a future family game night. There are many cabinets in the PE room that might be available for storing them. Will check with Megan Clappin to see if that space would be available..

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58