

PTO (Parent and Teacher Organization) Meeting

Tuesday November 7, 2023 from 7 - 8 pm

Meeting Minutes

Total # of People in attendance: 17

Interpreters: Lori, Christina and Joaquin

1. Welcome and Board Intros - Lauren Harton, Carolyn Lasako, Anne Miller, Lisa Devaric and Michelle Mackall board members present
2. Everyone intros
3. PTO overview - Lauren
 - a. 4 parents, 3 teachers, principal make up the board
 - b. Board is collaborative so we all fill the roles as they need to be completed
 - c. Board is elected in spring and makes the schedule of the year
 - d. PTO is an independent non-profit
4. Principal's Update - Dr. Devaric
 - a. See separate document
5. Tiger Trot Summary and Reflection - Carolyn
 - a. Erin Stephens organized everything and did a great job
 - b. Total fundraised was \$2,667.00 between coin battle and trot
 - c. Trot was around the school and there was also pumpkin decorating, ice cream and music
 - d. Weather was not great
 - e. The spirits were high of those who attended
 - f. Attendance overall was low
 - g. We are considering other ways to do the event to bring in more people
 - i. Integrate into Grandfriends night?

- ii. Change the event completely?
- iii. Not do it on a Saturday afternoon when everyone is busy?

6. Cherrydale fundraiser - Lauren

- a. Goal to fundraise was \$5,000 and we raised \$6028.
- b. Total was raised by 47 students out of 1100 students in the school
- c. Only 92 students even registered for the program which was free to do
- d. We will receive \$2411.00 donation (40%)
- e. This year we received 300 full packets for this fundraiser and made photo copies for all other classrooms. There were no more sales from the classrooms who received the full packets. Next year we will only photocopy flyers for all students which will increase our profits because we owe the company \$10.00 per packet we distributed.
- f. Should we do it again next year?
 - i. Many said no because it did not engage many people in the school, the items were expensive to buy so families would rather donate the money
 - ii. PTO leaders said it was easy to accomplish and might be worth it just because it is an easy way to raise money.

7. PuraVida Update - Lauren

- a. 100 bracelets were purchased to be blue, gold (only orange looking option) and white but the gold is very yellow.
- b. Bracelet was held up to an orange wall and the yellow blended in so the group agreed that kids won't care and we should sell them anyway.

8. Accounting update - Lauren

- a. The PTO has been using the schools tax exempt filing number for as long as it has existed which is not correct.

- b. We will be applying for our own tax exempt status this year
 - c. All taxes and record keeping are in good financial standing.
9. Teacher lunch - Wednesday, December 20th during school-
Lauren / Christina
- a. Christina Drostin has organized the teacher lunch for the past few years but this will be her last year.
 - b. We are looking for parents of younger students to train this year on how to run this event. Parents can reach out to the PTO to get connected with Christina.
 - c. The budget this year is \$1,000.
10. Dance - Feb 9 and 10 - Michelle
- a. **Friday, Feb 9 from 6 - 8 pm will be Third to Fifth grades**
******This is a change decided by the group at this meeting******
 - b. **Saturday, February 10 from 4 - 6 pm will be PreK to Second grades *****Earlier times for younger children******
 - c. The 5th grade was surveyed about a dance theme. They were given 4 options. The highest votes were for a Glow Theme dance. Discussion of a glow party revealed that glow sticks broken on the gym floor would damage the floor and that the lights can not be out for the dance for safety reasons. New options will be presented to 5th graders for a new vote. We are letting the 5th graders vote because they are the oldest in the school
 - d. Dance will be one student and one parent only.
 - e. Children must be in the age range for that night's dance (no younger students at the older dance and vice versa)
 - f. One parent may bring multiple children if they all are in the age range for that dance (example: one parent + 1 Pre K + 1 first grade on Saturday night).
 - g. Adults must be 21 and older

- h. Discussion was had about doing raffle baskets at the dance. It is still undecided if this will happen.
 - i. Some in attendance expressed an interest in doing a Bingo Night next year as a PTO event.
- 11. Support A Class Update - Lauren
 - a. Skipped because of time constraints.
- 12. Spirit Wear Update - Lauren
 - a. A new design was chosen by votes from students, faculty and parents. The new design is shown below.
 - b. Spirit Wear will be available to buy in the next 2 weeks for holiday presents
 - c. Spirit wear will be delivered to families before winter break
- 13. Organizations Name - Lauren
 - a. The current name does not reflect everyone we want to involve in our activities.
 - b. The current name does not reflect a full community support organization now that we are a community school.
 - c. Everyone was asked to start to think of new names for our organization
 - d. The word “family” is better than “parent”
 - e. What word is better than “teacher” to represent everyone who works at the school
 - f. What will translate well into spanish?
- 14. Raffle Prizes - Lauren
 - a. 8 raffle prizes were given away to individuals who attended

