

PTO Meeting Minutes Dec. 10, 2019

Present: Peggy Harnack, Colleen Cox, Karen Strandt-Conroy, Ryle Covert, Rachel Miller, Emilee Purcell, Vicki Neal, Lisa Fahlgren, Lisa Whitehead, Briana McCarthy, Julie Shreck, Michelle Carr.

President Julie called the meeting to order at 4:40pm.

Prior Meeting minutes were from October 2019 as the November meeting was cancelled due to illnesses. Motion to accept minutes made by Karen, seconded by Vicki.

Treasurer report: Motion to approve made by Colleen, seconded by Lisa Fahlgren.

Smencils/school store: Happens 2 times a month, back to back days. Some special holiday items will be available. We will be selling school supplies and smencils.

Boxtops: Yes, you can still turn in paper Boxtops! A check is on the way for \$1,200 thanks to lots of parents sending in paper Boxtops and using the app (WHICH SCANS RECEIPTS AND GIVES 4 TO OUR SCHOOL). Scan receipts up to 2 weeks after shopping.

Spirit wear: Order forms will be sent home soon and items given to students in mid January.

Grandparents day: 400 ish grandparents come for the day. About \$11,000 worth of books, with the majority of them being purchased on the day of the grandparents event.

Bucky books: \$1,260 worth sold. We made \$300. Will do it again, but not the send home. Next year maybe we will have 1 example in classroom to look and and then sell to those who want that night.

Cheese and dips, motion to buy a \$25 gift card for the top seller. Motion by Karen, seconded by Rylee. Dips went home in backpacks. Cheese was all put together in bags for easy pick up. For next year, dips can be sorted by the seller for 25 cents/order. It's definitely worth it!

Paint night: We had 140 people attend. We used blow dryers for quick drying. It worked, but had to only use one dryer per outlet (more than one blew the fuse) We sold concessions that had already been purchased. We would like to do another before Mother's Day. Not sure how to accommodate more people as more are interested.

MOD pizza Fundraiser: We made \$112. It's nice \$ for little to no effort on our part. The key is that our supporters HAVE TO SAY THEY ARE A PART OF PES FOR US TO GET THE MONEY. We had lots of positive feedback, especially from people who had never been here before.

Spring event: We have not officially decided on an event.

Family events: Ideas included: magician, stoughton dancers, mother son/daddy daughter/family events, glow dance, family picnic, be part of the Block Party, color run/fundraiser, (during second night of conferences) spaghetti night, family yoga night, lego, bedtime story night, puzzle night, game night (with games for sale) and movie night,

In Feb., we may do a Spaghetti Dinner combined with a math night (in conjunction with the Staff). We could possibly do a Dr. Seuss night Where everyone comes in pajamas (March 2nd) (6pm-7pm).

Volunteers: WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR PTO TO BE SUCCESSFUL!

Ideas to get more parents to volunteer:

Can teachers send out a “we need help” message to parents. Parents seem to read teacher messages above other messages.

Room challenges for volunteers

Send a “Did you know what the PTO does for the school and your child” sheet

Fundraisers: Dine in at Buffalo Wild Wings, Chuck E. Cheese, Applebee’s Pancake Breakfast.

Flower Fundraiser: We will make sure the flowers will be in in time for Mother’s Day.

Other Business:

Karen asked for \$834 for a charging cart (iPad or computer). Carts have already been received. Colleen made motion for \$ for charging carts. Second by Peggy. All in favor. No one opposed.

Karen asked for \$600 for a wooden holder with bins for storage in the classroom. Lisa F. Motion for to approve, seconded by. Lisa Whitehead. All in favor, no opposed.

Motion to adjourn made by Rachel, seconded by Lisa F.

