

GRAND PRAIRIE PTO MINUTES

September 11, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE: Megan Terry, Tiffany Sabatini, Kelley Houser, Bill Bilotta, Heather Whisler, Vicki Lilas, Tina Schwab, Melissa Cavenaile, Cheryl Airoidi, Mike Airoidi, Aimee Gipes, Shawna Latarewicz, Cindy Waddick, Megan Majic, Karie Beck, Candace Savage, Suzie Badertscher, Karen Acup, Ashlee Linneman, Rachel Wolverton, Andrea Gipple, Marcie Stateman, Katie Epps, Andrea Paplaski

CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order by President Megan Terry at 6:06 p.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Minutes from the August meeting were presented by the Secretary. Approved with a motion from Marcie Stateman, second from Melissa Cavenaile, and a majority vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- July Treasurer's report – had \$900 charge which was similar to Buddy Bench, but was a fraudulent charge, so need to amend the approved report
 - Approved amending of July's treasurer's report with a motion from Megan Majic, second from Andrea Paplaski, and a majority vote.
- August Treasurer's report was presented by the Treasurer, reflecting the changes with the fraudulent charges. Approved with a motion from Susie Badertscher, second by Karie Beck, and a majority vote.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- ***i-Ready Testing*** – Intermediate grades have completed testing. Primary grades will finish by the end of the week. Results will help identify students who may qualify for intervention.
- ***OLSAT Testing*** – This cognitive assessment provides data for identifying honors students. Testing window is Oct 2-20. Only taken by 2nd/5th grades.
- Watch DOGS Kickoff – 9/13, 5:15-6:15pm.
- ***Bully Initiative*** – pairing up with 5K event on 9/16. There will be a free bouncy obstacle course, face painting, and banner for students to sign. Will kick off bully prevention.
- ***Picture Day*** – 9/25
- ***Spirit Week*** – 10/2-6
- ***Early Release Day*** – early release days are on Mondays this year. First one is 9/18. Students dismiss at 12:45 after receiving lunch at school. No Kindergarten.
- ***Columbus Day*** – 10/9. No School

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- ***Students of the Month*** – Recognized and awarded 5th Grade students of the month, Victoria Devaldivielso & Stephen Cameron
- ***Ice Cream Social recap*** – ice cream was very hard, so line was long and slowed down the scooping. About 450 scoops were served, and everyone had been served by 7:10. Profited approx. \$500 from the event.
- ***Homecoming Spirit Week*** – Oct. 7 is Central's Homecoming week. We do not have a float this year, but do have a spirit week with daily dress up days. These will coordinate with Bully Awareness.
- ***Picture Day*** – 9/25. Volunteers will be contacted.
- ***Custodian Appreciation Day*** – PTO will purchase a gift for our custodians
- ***Principal Appreciation Week*** – in October. Students have been involved in the past, and will be again this year.
- ***Room Parties*** – PTO has organized room party volunteers in the past, but will no longer be doing that. With a limited number of volunteers involved in PTO, we need to use these volunteers elsewhere. Teachers will coordinate their parties. PTO will still provide a drink and snack on party day.
 - Update from the principal - School Improvement team will coordinate parties for the school. They will collect \$3/student for the parties and will find a primary craft/game and an intermediate craft/game for all classes.
- ***Scholastic News*** – Last year we used Book Fair Scholastic Dollars to purchase Scholastic News for 3rd-5th grades. This year, Scholastic News did not send out a reminder about subscriptions expiring mid-July, so our subscription expired. It will be approx. \$1,000 but it is not included in our budget.
 - Melissa Cavenaile applied for an Aldi grant, and we received \$1,200. We can use this amount to purchase snacks for parties, and use the budgeted party money for purchasing Scholastic News.
 - Approved using party funds to purchase Scholastic News with a motion from Ashlee Linneman, second Karie Beck, and majority vote.
- ***Fall Assembly*** – 9/19 Matt Wilhelm is booked for the fall assembly for Bully Prevention. He is a BMX bike rider from America's Got Talent that combines character traits with his personal story of being bullied. Bullying Assembly is budgeted for \$700, but his cost is \$950.
 - Approved spending an additional \$250 for the fall assembly with a motion from Megan Majic, second from Karen Acup, and a majority vote.

TEACHER REPS

- ***Watch DOGS kickoff*** – 200 people coming to eat. Marco's pizza will be served. Needs from PTO include check for \$293.91 to Marco's pizza with tax exempt letter. 120 root beer, 100 water, 5 bags of ice, 300 plates/napkins.
 - Approved spending \$400 for Watch DOGS with a motion from Aimee Gipes, second from Tina Schwab, and a majority vote.
 - Look at adding a line item in the budget since this is an annual event.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Family Night Out**
 - September 22 – Haunted Trails
 - Oct 24 – Potbelly's (25% profit)
 - Nov 7 – Sky Zone (30%) instead of Aurelio's. Sky Zone will also be in the spring
 - Dec 5 – Barnes & Noble (15%)
 - Jan 29,30,31 Marco's (15%) Box Night – students decorate pizza boxes during school. Nights separated by K/1, 2/3, 4/5.
- **5K** – Scheduled for 9/16. 37 registered for each race. Race bags will go home with students on Friday. Any non-student race bags will be available on race day. Registrations available on site.
- **Spiritwear** – Spiritwear should be received Sept 25. Purchased 166 items. Profit \$215. Should have them to families by Homecoming spirit week. We sold a lot of our inventory at Meet & Greet /Ice Cream Social, so we looking to add more.
- **Box Tops** – New class bags will be made, and a fall contest note will be sent home. Contest will last a month.
 - Coke tops can also be sent in now.
- **CAPE** –
 - Library SAT prep every 3rd Saturday
 - Brain fuse tutoring service is free to Plainfield Library patrons from 2-10pm at Library or at home.
 - Social Services Fair 9/13 at Plainfield East – clothing, food, etc.
 - United Way Fund
 - Plainfield Community Parent Network doing talks on cyber crimes and mental health, 10/12 6:30-8:30
 - Homecoming Parade 10/7
- **Monster Bash** - Ashlee and Rachel co-chairing Monster Bash. Committee has met and is planning the event. There will be a trunk or treat, so plan your trunks.
- **Pack 81** – Round up Thursday 9/14 - connect Ed for all students. Doing a separate announcement for kindergarten, as Boy Scouts has opened to Kindergarten for last 2 years. Candy fundraiser happening now.

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm with a motion from Melissa Cavenaile, second from Candace Savage, and a majority vote.

Respectfully submitted by Kelley Houser, PTO Secretary.