

## PTO MEETING MINUTES

09/15/2021

- 1) Meeting called to order
  - a. The September meeting was called to order by President Jan Hanson
    - i. No new members present to introduce to the group
  - b. Members present: Debbie Jans, Natasha Sawicki, Erika Engstrom, Janet Bergquist, Anne Earsley, Billi Wolf, Melanie Biesterfeld, Blanca Hernandez.
- 2) Agenda
  - a. The September agenda was reviewed by the group.
    - i. No changes or additions to the agenda
  - b. Approval of prior meeting minutes
    - i. The May 2021 minutes were reviewed by the group. Debbie J. motioned to approve the minutes as written. Anne E. seconded. Motion passed unanimously; minutes approved as written.
- 3) Teacher's report
  - a. Nothing to report
- 4) Officer's report
  - a. President's report-nothing to report
  - b. Vice-president's report-nothing to report
  - c. Treasure not present
- 5) Old Business
  - a. Back to school night
    - i. 300 hot dogs were purchased. There were about 150 left over.
    - ii. Many parents did not realize the meal was for everyone. Recommend better advertising next year to ensure parents know that all are welcome.
    - iii. Plan to purchase 300 hot dogs again next year.
  - b. Fundraiser-Mixed bags/Boon Supply
    - i. Main contact for the fundraiser: Janet Bergquist
    - ii. Fundraiser dates: Oct 2-20
    - iii. PTO will receive 40% of profits from the sale
    - iv. Will send home order books/forms with pre-k-6<sup>th</sup> graders and post access to online ordering on PTO Facebook page.
  - c. A few thank you cards were received from Dollars for Scholars and the Wilton Lions
- 6) New Business:
  - a. Parent Teacher conference meal: October 11 & 12. 4:40-6pm
  - b. A few ideas were discussed regarding meal options and cost. PTO would like to keep our business local. Anne will contact Stacey at the County Line to discuss meal options and cost.
  - c. Jan H. will set up a sign up genius for kitchen help for the teacher meals.

- d. Elementary hallways
  - i. Mrs. Wood has asked for ideas about 'sprucing up' the hallways in the elementary school. Further discussion needed.
- e. Sanford Doc Talks
  - i. Sanford has offered to do Doc Talks in the school. One idea is to discuss mental health including anxiety and depression. Topics like vaping and drug use in teens, human trafficking & social media safety were also discussed however these topics may be better served through the local police department.
    - 1. It would be nice if these discussions were available on zoom or correlated with other activities at the school to ensure better attendance.
- f. Lego League
  - i. Advisor Heidi Quinn presented the plans for starting a Lego League. This club would serve as a precursor to robotics and would be available to 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders.
    - 1. Club fees were introduced by Mrs. Quinn.
      - a. \$287 for team registration
      - b. \$96 for the starter kit; \$425 for optional add ons.
    - 2. Lego League has not yet been approved by the school board
    - 3. Lego League discussion has been tabled for now. PTO is unsure of the role it will play in the start up costs. Mrs. Quinn will present more information at a later date.
- g. New outside portables
  - i. PTO reached out to Mr. Stamstad and Mr. Thompson regarding items they may need for the new portables. It was noted that they would like a couch and a coat tree.
    - 1. Natasha S. has a couch she would like to donate. PTO will look for a coat tree and also purchase K cups.
- h. "FUN FRIDAY'S"
  - i. PTO is interested in sponsoring various days called Fun Friday's or Miners Making a Difference Days.
    - 1. Purpose is to make PTO more visible in the school and to promote school spirit and community involvement.
      - a. Suggestions include popcorn Friday, food donation days, raking leaves, etc.
      - b. Further discussion is needed.
- i. "Mom Nights"
  - i. PTO would like to sponsor craft nights where moms and community members can have a fun night out.

1. PTO will contact various local crafters to see if anyone is interested in teaching various craft projects.
- j. Trunk or Treat
  - i. October 31: 5-7pm.
  - ii. Looking for volunteers to host a 'trunk.' Will discuss further at next meeting.
- 7) Items to discuss at next meeting:
  - a. Parent teacher conference meals
  - b. Fall fundraiser
  - c. Fun Friday's
  - d. Mom Nights
  - e. Trunk or Treat
- 8) Next meeting
  - a. October 4<sup>th</sup>, 7pm
  - b. Theme: Dress like a witch
- 9) Meeting adjourned by President Jan Hansen