

Meadowridge PTO Meeting Minutes
9/12/2023

Attendees: Nicole Varnell, Krista Matthews, Renee Wahl, Jennifer Reed, Tiffany Miller, Teresa Wood, Elizabeth Poloni, Holly White, Amanda McDaniel, Dawn Matlock, Georgia Julien, Laura Williams.

Call to order 6:35 pm

Members of the PTO board:

President: Zach Proett

Vice President: Open

Treasurer: Nicole Varnell

Secretary: Jennifer Reed

Art Coordinator: Nichole Kerns

All PTO meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month.

Back to school night feedback. Ordered too much ice cream. Parents would like to see the classrooms and tour the school if possible. Due to contractual timelines of teachers, their classrooms will not be ready as the back-to-school night is the first day they are back to school prepping.

Grant proposals: explained each grant and opened the floor for any comments or concerns and there were none.

- Mrs. Miller did send an email last night requesting about \$200 for a third-grade dinosaur activity.
- Mrs. Olsen classroom improvements
- Mrs. Chimenti classroom improvements
- TK and Kinder sand toys

Donuts with Special person We did bump the donuts to 8:15am to get the influx of parents/grandparents/etc. though the lines quicker. Typically, we have parents still in there well after the bell rings.

Lost and Found: Another mom had a great suggestion for lost and found. Taking pictures of lost items once a week or every two weeks and posting them on Facebook. This mom did offer to take that task on, she would just need to send the pics to Naomi.

Spirit Shirts: We discussed blasting spirit shirt advertisement space out on Facebook and IG just in case there are families with connections that we're unaware of.

Treasurer Updates: Fiscal year starts in July. All budget reports will be put on Google Docs.

- Capital Project suggestions are new sign/reader board and shade for the playground.

Fundraising:

- Spirit shirts: total cost around \$3500, need sponsors ideas to help with overall cost of shirts.
- Chuck E Cheeses Night: November 30th.
- Additional fundraising nights (date TBD) Spokane Chiefs Hockey Night, Spokane Indians Baseball, movie tickets, Wonderland, Lilac Lanes, any additional ideas would be helpful.

Mrs O'Connor updates:

- finishing filling open staff positions
- New lunchtime schedule, outside recess first then lunch.
- Changes made to the pickup procedure.
- SYSA Sports afterschool program
- Building improvements made over the summer was painting the cafeteria.
- The school district will be making more of an effort to address attendance.

Book Fair: Sept 25-29. Ice-cream social will be on the 27th. Donuts will be on Friday the 29th at 8:15am.

Picture Day: October 3rd. Need volunteers to help keep students in line, fix hair etc. ½ day shifts.

Staff Appreciation: PTO will be providing dinner for teachers on 10/12 from 5-6 for teachers having late day conferences.

Fund Run: Apex will kick off the fund run on Oct 9 and will run until the 20th. This is our main PTO fundraiser. The run will take place on the 20th. Mrs. O'Connor will ensure that the AC will be on for the day of the race.

Social Media: We are looking to ramp up the website and the possibility of having zoom for the day of the PTO meetings in order to increase attendance in the meetings.

Art Docent: Nichole Kerns. The schedule was sent out to parents who have volunteered. Looking for coordinators for each grade.

Meeting was called at 8:02pm.