

PTO Minutes  
August 21, 2019  
Forum

Present: Kelli Adams, Chelsea Alarcon, Christiana Alstatt, Renee Degner, David Dornfeld, Laura Eftimovski, Jacki Mann, Candi Ruble, Susan Finney, Shubhakar Neela, Blythe Swanger, Mrs. Bodart,

Assistant Principal's Report:

- Student Council applications will go out soon. This year, Mrs. Bodart is looking for another teacher to help guide this group of students.

Treasurer:

- We did not spend the allocated budget last year and still have an overall surplus.
- David will have the budget ready for a vote at next month's meeting – the new budget will include the following changes discussed at the August meeting.
  - Additional \$2/ student given at the beginning of the year to be used at teachers' discretion. (this year only)
  - Increase of specials budget to \$150 (permanent change to annual budget)
  - Increase the line item budget for box tops to \$150
- Christiana wondered if we could pay for an extra trash can in the courtyard since the one there always seems to be full. Kelli will talk with the office to see if there is a need for this purchase.

Secretary:

- If anyone is interested in filling the position of secretary, please let Kelli know.

Logo Clothing:

- Flyers for logo wear are going home in the gold folder on 8/27. This year, we will be accepting orders via paper copies as well as online. The goal is to move to *only* online orders for next year. Orders will be due on September 9 and delivered before Fall Break. There is an opportunity for individuals to order angel shirts again this year – those will be distributed at the Walkathon

Social Committee:

- Fall Social will be Friday, November 1. Trunk or Treat will also be that night.
- Spring Social will be April 3.

Bonus Programs:

- Box Tops is going digital! There is a downloadable app that scans receipts for eligible items. Money still comes to the school via a check 2x per year. Blythe has already sent home one flyer in the gold folder about the new app. Ways were discussed to get the word out. She will work with Mrs. Bodart to include info on the Facebook page. She will also see if Kristina can send a "how to" video out to the newsletter email list when it is up and running.
- Kroger Rewards will continue this year. It has been a very successful program for Parkside.
- Blythe is looking into Coke Gives program as well.

#### Book Fair:

- November 1!! Because our dates were set early and not changed, each teacher should receive a \$5 gift card.

#### Directory:

- We decided to discontinue the directory for this and future years.

#### Newsletter:

- First newsletter will be emailed September 3. Kelli has sent out a request for information.
- If you are interested in helping out with or organizing the newsletter, please let Kelli know.

#### Staff Appreciation:

- Susan will follow a similar format to last year. Each teacher will receive a small treat on his/her birthday. If you have any ideas, let her know.
- Dinners will be provided to staff during fall teacher conferences. Susan would like help delivering that evening. Last year, Arni's donated the food. She will look for another restaurant to help out this year.
- Teacher appreciation week is in May. Last year, many parents donated gift cards to use as raffle items. This worked out really well.

#### Grade Levels:

- Reps – if you have not already reached out to your grade level teachers, please do so. Also, please forward them the meeting minutes every month.

#### Walk-a-thon:

- Flyers have already started going home in gold folders. We are looking for volunteers as well as gift card donations from parents. Christiana has already obtained several in-kind &/or cash donations.
- Tshirt contest will be 9/18-20. More info in gold folders coming soon!
- Envelopes will go home on 9/17 and be due back in by 10/4 to be eligible for prizes.
- If you know anyone who is interested in donating or sponsoring, please contact Renee, Kelli or Christiana.

#### New Business:

- Cheryl Wright has contacted Kelli about starting a safe walking/biking route. Kelli will investigate this option.
- Kelli is going to talk with Mr. Smith about the possibility of adding bike racks as the current amount is overflowing.

Meeting adjourned.

**NEXT MEETING: September 18, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.**