

## **PTO Notes**

### **March 2022**

**Attending:** Heidi Post, Cindy Address, Carolyn, Gretchen Padget, Sarah Sinah, Laura Richardson, Polly (new Minnewashta parent), Tara Pitkin, Tiffany Boyer

**Absent:** Michelle Le, Sarah Wexler, Andi (Andrea) Zellmer, Eileen Andersen, Barb Siefert

6:04 Meeting Started

Minutes Approved.

### **Thank you's ->**

- 1) Matt Knodt (Jimmy Johns owner) who provided meal for teachers before conferences.
- 2) Jason on the custodial staff - lead. Support with book fair. Heidi may also get lunch for him!

### **VP Report**

No teacher requests.

Yearbook; will be reaching out to class heads/room parents for class pages.

Seeking missing kindergarten photos.

Request for photos!!!!

Bookfair - 13K in sales a little less than fall but this is normal. Finalization of online sales in process (approx. \$550).

Approx. \$7,000 dollars total to PTO.

We fulfilled teacher book lists;-))) Yeah!!

Q: Would we ever do a back to school event?

Lot of set up for one day

BOGO fair is better on parent pocket books

It does have a lower price point than apparel

Tara will bring info from Rep to next meeting for consideration.

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Grade level eve/early afternoon to facilitate parents coming together. At the school.

Room parents oversee at grade level event?

Many liked the idea.

Grade level volunteers needed to run; if we don't get a vol from all grades it would only be hosted if there is a vol/room parent in that grade who has agreed to take the event on.

It is possible not all grade levels would get represented.

Food Truck? Feed the families? PTO look into if available

Multi grade level areas i.e. gym, lunch room etc.

Teacher Appreciation

Coffee and yogurt  
Coffee and bundt cake  
Jimmy Johns

Options:  
Chair Massage  
Eyebrow waxing  
Offsite options discussed i.e. brewery or boat. Some concern with number that would actually attend due to longer time commitment and not at school property.

Perm. Massage Chair - not supported due to liability.

Summer care packages.

*Chipotle is a MUST again!!!!*  
1600-1700 tax exempt status

Budget friendly thank you from class; to be coordinated by room parents.

### **Financial Updates**

Gretchen  
Venmo Conversation; limited receipts and our tax exemption status.  
Table this until next year per Gretchen's direction due to limitations around non-profits.

-Have PTO dollars to spend  
-One third can be carried over but remainder must be used or given to the school trust.

*PTO \$98,000*  
*Retain \$21,000 till next year*  
*\$60,000 to spend this year*

Q: Could we use some to reduce cost of school supplies for parents OR pay for field trips?  
We could and specify this is a onetime support. Covid, etc. trying to keep costs down.

Could use for field trip transportation.  
Doable to wipe out 2023 field trip costs!!

Therapy dog.  
Every for this.

Q: Can PTO pay for teacher professional development?  
Look into further.

Let's make a decision NEXT meeting on this.

Give teachers one last chance to request enrichment this year!

Purchase in advance by grade level - 2K. School supplies.

Gretchen by grade level and give exact dollars PTO can contribute; order supplies direct from Staples for next year.

Earmark Trust Funds account -> next meeting. April decision to be made.

Monthly expense review.

Suggestion from Parent, Carolyn - Artsonia fundraiser. Customizable gifts etc.  
Heidi made a note to connect with Melanie Mozingo. Next year possibly?

Fully funding Jeff Dayton. Carry over discussion from last month.

**Approved! PTO paid event in May.**

Need an email conv to include Eileen around second hand hounds. Heidi will send a follow up email and seek approval.

### **Principal Update**

Cindy

- Opened for volunteers in Nov.
- Playground open up has been a little hectic as all now mixed
- After assessments over, 2nd week in May, 5th grade events start.
- Dayton concert in May at Freeman Park
- Celebrations at school English/Spanish
- Kindness retreat will take place for 5th graders
- Kindergarten visits
- Only thing not open for volunteers currently is lunchroom/cafeteria

### **President Update**

Heidi

Losing Rachel next year - 5th grader  
Co VPs? Tara said yes!  
Brittany stepping down as vol coord - need 2  
Andi co chair?  
Barb Co chair? 5th grader  
Member at large roles? Discussion around what member at large entails.  
Not locked into one role on PTO, year to year commitment  
Need a handful.

Polly, member at large request. Currently at Deephaven on PTO also.

Service Night

HS Volunteers

Tiffany offered to help coord

Summer meet up opportunities for parents & kids.

Next 2 meetings in person?

Yes.

Both was requested so can pass a phone or use Cindys laptop.

April 19

May 17

New members in May.