



# Walker's Grove PTO

## Meeting Minutes



Walker's Grove PTO General Meeting

Date: **November 10, 2022**

Location: Walker's Grove, Media Center and Video call through Google Meets

Meeting Called To Order by Melissa Jeszka at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance:

**Board Members:** Melissa Jeszka, Nikki Lien, Veronica Garcia, Desi Kedzior, Erin Kenady, Tiffany King and Adri Herbert

**Principal:** Mr. Schafermeyer

**Assistant Principal:** Kristi Hillmer

**Other Attendees:** See Meeting Attendance Sign In Sheet

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### OFFICER'S REPORTS

President: *Melissa Jeszka*

- **Popcorn Days**

5th grade popcorn day went very well. There were 4 parent volunteers that made popcorn for the students and staff. The 4th grade popcorn date is on Nov 18th and there are 4 volunteers already signed up.

- **Birthday Books:** in August there were 63 books given out and in September 61 books and in October 66 books.

- **Thankful Trees:** Leaves will be given out to all the children and staff to write something they are thankful for. They will be displayed in the hallway.

- **Bingo with Books:** will be on Nov 17th. Students will go to the lunchroom with their grade level. Parent volunteers have already signed up. The students can win a new book and all students will get an emoji.

- Next PTO Meeting will be on January 12, 2023. There is NO meeting in the month of December.

Vice President: *(Nikki Lien)*

- For the Winter Parties the volunteer sign up has been sent out. The Winter Party will be on December 21st. The setup will be the same as the Halloween Party. It starts at 2:30 pm, there are 3 parent volunteers, the leader gets a check for expenses and you need to get approval from the classroom teacher of all the activities planned for the party. Please carpool, spaces are limited. If you volunteered for a Halloween party, please wait about a week to give others a chance to volunteer unless you are volunteering for a different student in a different classroom.

**Secretary:** *Veronica Garcia*

- Nothing new to report
- In an effort to save paper, the PTO will no longer be printing the Meeting Minutes to hand out at each meeting. The minutes will be posted on the PTO website.
- Motions To Approve Oct 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes: First approval by Kim Rusthoven and second by Brenda Ber.

**Treasurer:** *Desi Kedzior*

- The read-a-thon check came in and a few family functions checks came in. There is a very healthy budget right now.
- Motions To Approve 10/31/22 Financial Statement: First approval by Erin Kenady and second by Chrissy Penney

**Fundraising:** *Erin Kenady*

- Aurelio's Restaurant Night is November 16th, please go out and support them since they do so much for our school.
- Chipotle Restaurant Night is on Dec 5th
- Khaos Brewcade Restaurant Night is on Jan 5th, wrist band are good from Thursday through Sunday
- The PTO will be selling smencils online. It is still on the working of setting it up. They will be sold in bundles. The Spirit sticks will probably be starting hopefully in January. They will be selling in the PTO in the link tree or square site in Facebook. The link will be sent out to all the PTO members.

**Family Activities:** *Adriana Herbert*

- Adult Male Role Model/Son Event will be on November 20th at Galaxi Fun Zone and there are 139 registered people. The deadline is Nov 14th.
- Pizza Bingo is on January 20th. More information to come later.
- Adult Male Role Model/Daughter event date will be changed because the venue doesn't have the date that we wanted available. Waiting on the contract to get a date. The venue will be at Bolingbrook Golf Club.
- Winter Celebration/Polar Express (*Tiffany King*) will be on December 3rd. Registration deadline is November 18th. The flyers have gone home. Thanks to the teachers who have signed up. The first session is full for teachers and need 6 more teachers for the second session. They will be on the Hot Chocolate distribution. Looking for people who have connections to Hot Chocolate or ways on how to distribute hot chocolate, please let the PTO board know.

**Teacher Report:** *Carolyn Nirtaut*

- Happy to have back in person classroom parties. Thanked the PTO for organizing the parade and parties.
- Thanked the PTO for the lunch for the Teacher/Parent Conference
- Thanked the PTO for the Meeting Minutes and all the information posted on Facebook.

**Administrator Report:** *Mr. Schafermeyer*

- Thanked the PTO for all the decorations in the building.
- Halloween parade and parties went really smoothly, everyone did a great job. Thanked the P.E. and specials team for coordinating all the parking.
- Copy crew is going great. We are still keeping it to two days a week.
- Thanked the PTO for the lunch for the Teacher/Parent Conference. The conferences went really smoothly.
- Popcorn is going really well. It is an afternoon treat.
- Math and Literacy Night is on November 15th from 6:00 pm - 7:00 together with the book fair. Each grade level has Math and Literacy activities. P.E. has an obstacle course, the art room has a Mola art printmaking and the music teacher will be doing a drum circle, there will be a book swap and much more.
- There is a sign up for volunteers to sign up to decorate two bulletin boards with their culture, artwork and traditions that they would like to share.
- Next week there will be visiting authors on Nov 15th and Nov 16th.
- The school has a High School Leadership Program, where a High School student comes in and shadows a teacher for a period of time.
- E-Learning day on November 21st. will be a practice day on how kids would log on from home in the event the school will have an e-learning day most probably a snow day.
- Every winter there is a chance to display art at the Jon W. Bale Student Art Gallery in the district 202 Administration Center. Ms Altum will work with the students to collect some art and have it displayed for a month.
- The Plainfield and Oswego Police Department does Shop with a cop. They raise funds and provide some students with gift cards. Students are selected to do some shopping with the cop and then the items get wrapped by high school students. And then the gifts are given to the family.
- Giving Tree (Kristi Hillmer) flyers were sent in the weekly wire to inform families who are in need that they can ask for help. The school is working on getting a list of the specific items needed and later providing them with tags if you want to help out. There was another flyer (red paper) sent home with the student from the PTO who is doing a toy drive for two organizations Team Nicholas and Community Christian Giftmart. There is a box in the school lobby for toy donations.
- 2nd round of i Ready testing will be on December 12th grades k - 5. The 3rd i-Ready test will be in the spring. If a student is absent, they can make it up. The 5th graders results are looked at for the 6 grade honors and if the child is in honors they will stay in honors. 2nd grade OLSAT is in February. Any new students take it in February and also any appeals.

**Committee Report:** *Melissa Jeszka*

- Ongoing fundraising:  
Box Tops, Coca Cola Give, Amazon Smile, and Market Day. A reminder will be sent out soon.
- Cape Meeting Review:  
Tonight there will be an event called Taming the Anxiety Monster. Information was posted on Facebook. You can always go and watch it online. Will post the link. Schools are looking for mentors for big brothers or big sisters, will post more information on a later date.
- Philanthropy:
  - Holiday toy drive Nov 10th - Dec 9th, boxes for the new toys are in the lobby
  - For veterans day, many interviews, colorings, and pictures have been displayed around the school.
- Write On:  
The chairperson wasn't able to meet the k-3rd grade teachers but will try to meet with them next week. There were a few stories from 4th graders that they started working on. When the students have finished their writing, they turn it in to their teacher and then they will send it to the office.
- For the book swap, the last day for donations would be Monday. Any extra books will be donated to Bernie's Book Bank.
- Beautification: (*Tiffany King*)  
Need a few volunteers to rake and pick weeds. On Nov 21st they will meet with the concrete company. They will come to mark the ground and hopefully have the concrete installed on Thanksgiving week. There is a concrete shortage and that date might change.

**New Business:** *Melissa Jeszka*

- There will be a survey in January asking parents for feedback on how they think the year has gone, how they feel about the events, if there is anything they will change and any feedback from the events that they attended.
- Year Book: There will be a yearbook cover contest starting early december and due in January for the 5th graders only. All the students get to vote. Also asked to submit any pictures for the yearbook before April.

**Questions/Comments:**

- What time will the visiting author be at the school?  
It will be like an assembly 9:30 - 10:30 and 11:15 - 12:15
- A mom asked if the morning back walkers could have someone cross them more frequently instead of just waiting for more students especially when it is raining.  
Mr Schafermeyer will address this and see if something can be done.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.