



# Walker's Grove PTO

## Meeting Minutes



Walker's Grove PTO General Meeting

Date: **January 12, 2023**

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

Meeting Called To Order by Melissa Jeszka at 6:34 p.m.

Attendance:

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

**Principal:** Mr. Schafermeyer

**Assistant Principal:** Kristi Hillmer/Meaghan Weber

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

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### OFFICER'S REPORTS

**President:** *Melissa Jeszka*

- **Popcorn Days**

3rd grade popcorn day will be January 27th during lunch. 3rd grade parents who signed up will make the popcorn for the kids and staff. They will deliver it to the students during their lunch.

- **Birthdays Books:** So far we have given out 273 books and still have half the students to go.

- **Friendship Assembly:** we will have Mike Wilhelm BMX rider presentation on Feb 14th. The students enjoyed him in the past.

- **PTO Survey:** we will be sending out a survey tomorrow in the Weekly Wire and posting on social media. We hope everyone will complete the form to give us feedback on our events.

- **CAPE Awards:** CAPE awards nominations will go out tomorrow. You can nominate a teacher, support staff and volunteer. Nominations are due February 20th as we need to write up a bio on each winner and present each winner with a gift. The CAPE Award Ceremony will be on April 12th.

- **23-24 School Year Board Nominations and Committee Chair Volunteers:** elections are coming for the PTO Board for 2023-24 year and Committee Chair sign up. If you would like to sign up you would need to do so by the March meeting. If you have interest in a PTO Board position by more than one person we will let those people know and there will be a vote. New Board will accept positions during the April meeting.

- Next PTO Meeting will be on February 9, 2023.

**Vice President:** *(Nikki Lien)*

- Nothing to report

**Secretary:** *Veronica Garcia(Nikki Lien)*

- 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 November 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes: First approval by Meggan Florell and second by Rebecca Villegas.

**Treasurer:** *Desi Kedzior*

- November there were not a lot of changes. K-5 teacher allocations came out.
- Motions to approve November Financial Statement 11/30/22: First approval by Erin Kenady and second approval by Tiffany King
- December the outdoor learning space came out. Spirit Stick money came out and since we do not have a line for this it came out of the assembly/prize line and if we continue with Spirit Sticks next year we will have a line added for these on the statement. Winter event Polar Express came out this month as well.
- Motions To Approve December Financial Statement 12/31/22: First approval by Katie Horne and second by Kim Rusthoven.

**Fundraising:** *Erin Kenady*

- We had Aurelio's, Chipotle, Khaos Brewcade nights. We earned \$239 for Aurelio's, \$289 for Chipotle and \$187 for Khaos.
- Culvers restaurant night will be February 7th. We will ask teachers if they would like to sign up but we do not expect you to since we have asked for lots this year.
- Students are starting to get Spirit Sticks. This is new this year. We will give teachers Spirit Sticks each month and the students will be able to earn one. Each student will receive a Spirit Stick after the BMX assembly. Teachers are signing up for a 10 min time slot at the end of each month. Each month students will be able to go and buy one Spirit Stick and we will also have Smencils available. Each Spirit Stick and each Smencil will be \$1. You can buy one Spirit Stick each month however you can purchase more than one Smencil. If the kids enjoy the Spirit Sticks next year we will ask teachers for their requests for what Spirit Sticks would work best for your classroom rewards. Teachers who have not signed up for your time slot please do so.
- Piggy Bank Palooza will be March 6th - March 10th. There will be big containers set up in the lobby for each classroom. Pennies, dollar bills and checks will count as positive and silver coins (nickles, dimes and quarters) will count as negative. Students will bring in their money and that morning they will go and put the money in another class' bin. Classes will want to Strategize to see who they want to sabotage to help their class win with the top score at the end of the week. We will update scores every day. Students will need to place their money in a bin that day they bring it as we do not want them waiting till the last day as we do not want money lost or stolen. Prizes will be by classroom. Example a popsicle party.
- Slammers Game will be on May 19th. All students who purchase tickets will go in a drawing and one lucky student will be chosen from that drawing to throw out the first pitch for the game.

**Family Activities:** *Adriana Herbert*

- Adult Male Role Model/Daughter event is coming up on Feb 24th. Flyers will be sent out soon.
- Pizza Bingo is on January 20th. The first session is full but there are still spots open for the second session. The Forms are due tomorrow and we will not be able to accept any late forms.

**Teacher Report:** *Carolyn Nirtaut*

- Glad to be back.
- Thanked the PTO for the Holiday treats/gifts before break.
- Thanked the PTO for the teacher allocations reminder.
- Thanked the PTO for all the events
- The kids are excited for Spirit Sticks.

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- On behalf of myself and Lisa Apiquian we wanted to thank the PTO for the new black book boxes. We were able to get rid of all the old things we had. Everything looks so much better. Will be sending a before and after picture to Melissa to share.
- Thank you PTO for putting in the budget for the reading room. We have been able to purchase reading games for the students. We appreciate all the support and thinking of the teachers and kids.

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

- Thanks to the volunteers for the Polar Express. I enjoyed it.
- Thank you to everyone who decorated the 1st grade program.
- Thank you for the December school decorations volunteers.
- Outdoor learning area was installed over Thanksgiving Break. Timeline was amazing and installed fast because of all the work by Tiffany and Beth. Thank you to them for all their hard work.
- Thank you to everyone in the room for the Holiday gifts to teachers and staff.
- Winter Parties went really well.
- Thank you to the copy crew.
- Thank you to the Watchdog Dads. They are all doing a great job.
- Kristi is on maternity leave and Meghan Weber will be filling in for her in her absence until Kristi returns.
- Monday there is no school.
- I-Ready and report cards will be coming next week Friday.
- Red and Orange house meetings next week.
- Pizza Bingo coming up
- Battle of the Books is January 23-27
- Next SIP day is January 30th.
- February 3rd kicks off Kids Heart Challenge for the PE department
- Friendship Assembly looking forward to that.
- Rising Star Meeting is coming up to think of what we can do to recognize Walker's Grove's 30th year in May.

**Committee Report:** *Melissa Jeszka*

- Ongoing fundraising:  
Box Tops, Coca Cola Gives and Amazon Smile. Box Tops we brought in about \$212. If you use the app please thank you for using it. If you don't please download the app as they have a bonus going on right now. It all adds up. The website has a referral code you can use and it will give us money. Coke Gives us 5 cents a cap and 15-30 cents for the cardboard flap. Please continue to turn those into the office. Amazon Smile we earned these 2 quarters \$167.99. Make sure you choose Walker's Grove when you use Amazon Smile as your charity. If you haven't already it is easy to sign up and it is free.
  - Cape Meeting Review:  
They had a cookie exchange after the December meeting. Dr. Wood advised if we have snow days the first day would be a snow day and possibly the 2nd day as well. If it continues to a 3rd day it would most likely be a remote learning day. Tom talked about communications.
  - Philanthropy: (*Rebecca Villegas*)
    - For Valentine's Day we are looking to do Hearts for Seniors through the Inside Out Club again. Bags will be put together again and delivered to the classroom teachers. Melissa advised if help is needed to let her know. They will be sent home soon.
    - They will have a meeting soon to discuss Arbor Day and Children's Hospital.
  - Write On:
    - So far 5 books have been published, 10 students are illustrating and 6 are in the interview process. No volunteers have been needed yet. Each book is bound for the students to keep.
  - Yearbook: (*Meggan Florell*)
    - 5th graders are working on their yearbook covers for the contest. They are working on them in art class. Last year about 50 kids turned in a cover. The deadline is extended until Tuesday. A google form will be created to vote for your favorite and the winner will have the front cover. The top 10 will go on the back and all other completed cover submissions will be displayed in the yearbook.
  - Beautification: (*Tiffany King*)
    - We are going to purchase tables for the outdoor space. Hoping to have them by March. A half retaining wall will be done to use as a bench. There will be 4 tables with a total of 8 to each table. We have two tables we are looking at. One is like the buddy bench steel with little holes throughout and the other is like a picnic table made of barco board. Jeff advised he will show the options to the staff at the next meeting and see what the teachers input is. This table also has a table with a wheelchair option. There will also be a shade going above the space and we are looking to purchase some games for recess as well for the outdoor space.
    - Earth Day looking for the 21st instead since I am not available on the 22nd and maybe can tie in Arbor Day with this. Have students during recess if possible go around school and pick up the trash that is around the school. Once that is done landscape clean up can start. This will be posted on social media as there are good days to go to the school and if anyone can come help please just come up to the school.
- Color Run (Tiffany King)
- Will be on May 12th. If you can help let Tiffany or Beth know.

**New Business:** *Melissa Jeszka*

- Sue is working on snowflakes for the hallway. The theme is What Makes You Unique since snowflakes are unique. Students will be able to make a snowflake for the hallway.
- Display case has been decorated in snowflakes and we will be having a contest next week for the students to guess how many snowflakes. Kindergarten and 1st grade will guess purple and silver and all other grades will guess all the snowflakes. Each grade will have about 20 winners and this year's prize will be a spirit stick.
- Lunch supervisors are requesting chalk as what the PTO provided for the year is now all out. If anyone can donate any chalk please drop to the office and let them know it is for outdoor recess. PTO will look into seeing if we can find any on sale to purchase.

**Questions/Comments:**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:38 p.m.