

Walker's Grove PTO Meeting Minutes



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Date: 3/14/24

Location: Walker's Grove

Meeting called to order by Joanna McColgan at 6:32pm

Attendance: see attendance sheet

Board Members: Colleen Wilson, Desi Kedzior, Beth Nassis, Joanna McColgan, Teresa Vlahos

Principal: Mr. Schafermeyer

INTRODUCTIONS

ROUND TABLES (Joanna M.) Discuss events for next year; thoughts on grade-grown up events and whether to keep the same, thoughts on fall and spring events.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Joanna M. covering for Erin not in attendance

- Birthday Books- Melissa- Program going well, additional purchased. If you have summer bday, you'll get in May, late summer will get in August.
- Mario the Maker assembly is May 6th.
- The window graphic install is March 21st.
- Next meeting is position election time. Currently event chair positions are open.

Vice President: not in attendance, no notes

Secretary: Joanna McColgan

- Motion to approve minutes from Feb 2024
- Approved by #1 Teresa Vlahos and #2 Colleen Wilson

Treasurer: Desi Kedzior

- Sweetheart Dance sales, Spirit Stick Vday grams, Khaos, and Culvers funds all hit budget in Feb. Additional guided reading books and construction paper purchased for various grades
- Motion to approve Feb 2024 budget
- Approved by #1 Sue Scarbrough and #2 Rebecca V.

Fundraising: Beth Nassis

- Aurelio's fundraiser 3/21- Delivery does not count towards fundraiser, must be inhouse or pick up order.
- McDonald's fundraiser 4/9
- Kane County Cougar game May 17th. Time and Ticket info to go out after spring break

Family Activities: Teresa Vlahos

- 2nd/3rd Mario Movie event on 3/15
- Spring Carnival on 4/26

Teacher report: Ms. Gutrich

- Thanks for Robeks smoothies
- Loved Rainbow Lounge from 2nd grade families, very appreciated
- Thanks for supporting Read Across America by participating in dress up days
- Report cards going out on 22nd
- Looking forward to 1st grade hospitality day
- Mr. Cores put together a Pickle Ball lesson for teachers/staff that they really enjoyed. Great bonding experience
- Ms Franks would like to note the book fair is April 15th-19th. Students usually go during their library day
- IR resting coming up for 3rd & 5th graders
- Silhouette machine- Thank you to Sarah Shah- doing great job and getting things back to teachers really quickly. Teachers are grateful for the help. Would like additional ideas on what else they can do with it.
- Thanks for the approved grant items so far. Teachers who haven't heard back yet would like status updates.
- Thanks for popcorn days
- Ms. Altenhoff noted that the Readathon dodgeball class winners got to play last Friday and had a great time.

Admin report: Jeff Schafermeyer

- Thanks for successful Bingo with Books and Readathon dodgeball
- Thanks to 5th grade parents regarding the rock climbing adventure they went on at Plainfield North highschool. The 5th graders learned team building activities along with rock climbing.
- Thanks for supporting that and being understanding about the cost associated with buss fee. Currently costs \$10 per kid to be bussed.
- 2nd/3rd grade musical on 3/20

- District provided eclipse glasses this year. There were many challenges the last time so this year we are trying different ones. Indoor recess on 4/8 to be safe and no field trips. Teachers and grade levels are evaluating whether their students will participate, currently kinder will not but 1st-5th will be participating. If you would like to have your kinder participate, you can call them out and then bring them back after.
- Reminders-Parent 5 Essentials is out there if you would like to take it. Students have taken it.
- State testing starts after Spring Break. Make ups are difficult, so if possible make sure to have students in class
- Spring pictures 3/22
- Awards of Excellence 4/2
- Calendar changes- no school on 3/19 election day.
- Will have school on 4/29th new updated calendar.
- Kinder Roundup changed to 4/18.
- Outdoor area to be mowed, add a trail and bird feeders. Down the road we can collaborate with PTO and school to add feed and other things.

CAPE: Desi Kedzior

- Award winners – Kayla Kobal, Nancy Gambuzza, Tiffany King. They will be celebrated at a ceremony on 4/16

Philanthropy: Rebecca Villegas

- Long distance hugs- delivered 235 very well received.
- Next month we will be doing food drive with Tiffany through Northern Illinois Food Bank.
- Feedback wanted for free library, if we are able/maybe could go in outdoor space.

Yearbook: not in attendance

Teacher Appreciation Week: Sue Scarbrough and Sarah Shah

- coming up- Sarah and committee are working on it currently. More info to follow.

Dates to note:

- Field Day 5/17
- Kinder round up 4/18th 6-7
- 5th Grade Celebration 5/10 –
- 5th grade clap out- no parents, student only. Unique challenges in order to get parents involved, and it usually happens at the end of the day. Because it comes so close to end of day, difficult to get it planned due and make sure dismissal goes smoothly. Talked about possibly doing it day before or exploring other options. Mr. Shafermeyer asked what parents would want that to look like. Sue and Beth suggested similar to the Halloween parade, having parents outside lined up. Could coincide with 5th grade celebration on 5/10. He is open to suggestions. Perhaps we could do yard signs or hand held face signs.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:23 approved by #1 Desi Kedzior and #2 Rebecca Villegas

